

Letter sent by email on November 16 2013

Dear CB

Thank you for taking my call on Thursday evening. I appreciated greatly the opportunity to speak with you. I hope the conversation was not too distressing to you. The purpose of this follow up email is to confirm the content of our conversation.

Firstly, both personally and, on behalf of the Diocese of Grafton I express our deepest sorrow for the abuse you suffered at the North Coast Children's Home and apologise profoundly and unreservedly for the shameful manner in which you were treated when you courageously came forward to tell your story. I have had the privilege of reading the correspondence between you and the Diocese. I was deeply moved by your story and was ashamed of the manner in which you were treated in the correspondence you received.

Secondly, I formally put in writing an offer of settlement from the Diocese of Grafton of \$75,000. The Diocese of Grafton acknowledges that financial assistance alone cannot make amends for the harm caused by the abuse you suffered as a child at the North Coast Children's Home, rather it is a means by which the Diocese acknowledges the harm caused and expresses our compassion for you.

I acknowledge your response during our conversation that you want to consider your options in this matter. If you, or anyone on your behalf, want to discuss this offer further with me, I am happy to do so. I look forward to your response to this offer. I can be contacted by email [REDACTED] or on 02 66541370 (the phone number of Northern Beaches Anglicans where I am the Rector). If I am not immediately available I will return your call as soon as possible.

When an agreement is reached you will be required to sign a Deed of Release. A Deed of Release will not prevent you from discussing publicly the events that gave rise to the allegations or telling your story. I strongly urge you to seek independent legal advice before you sign a Deed of Release. This legal advice will also enable you to understand, and respond appropriately to matters related to Medicare and Centrelink. The Diocese of Grafton will pay \$400 of the cost of you obtaining this advice.

CB I also offer you an opportunity to tell your story personally to a senior Diocesan leader and to receive a verbal apology in that meeting as a means of continuing your path of healing. I am willing to fly to Melbourne to meet with you if that is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,

Rev Canon David Hanger

**Chair
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