

13 April 2005

Mr D Gould

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Dear David

I am writing to advise you formally of the outcome of the investigation of your written complaint about some of the sexual abuse you suffered as a child.

The assessors have determined from an analysis of the information they have gathered that there is a case to answer: that, on balance, the conduct you alleged against Alex Ralston occurred as you described.

As Alex Ralston is deceased it is not possible for me to pursue any further action under Church Law.

As a result of the outcome of the investigation I offer you the opportunity to apply for a financial grant under the Pastoral Support and Assistance Scheme. The necessary application forms are included with this letter. Please contact Les Whittle if you require any further information.

I acknowledge the distress you continue to suffer because of all the abuse inflicted upon you. I also recognize the stresses that future events might throw at you. My prayer is that you may find some peace through these processes.

I hope that the conclusion of this investigation and its outcome have assisted you in your healing process.

Yours sincerely



John Harrower  
Bishop of Tasmania