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tian myself, I do not confuse the issue of turning a blind eye to immoral acts within the clergy with an attack on the religion itself. It is precisely such hypocritical behaviour that turns people against the church — if not Christianity. It is inappropriate and contradicts the fundamental principles of the faith.

This is not a witch hunt. It is the consideration of the response of a person holding the ultimate position in the Anglican Church to certain acts by clergymen and the ramifications, now that this person occupies the seat of G-G.

While I feel for Dr Hollingworth, I think this is an important issue relating to pedophilia and the guardianship of children. He did not have the courage to address the problem when he had the opportunity and the authority to do so, and like many things it has come to light. Passing by this issue not only condones the child abuse of the past but of the present, within the clergy and outside it.

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I WAS a victim of sex abuse at the Hutchins School, an Anglican School in Hobart, when aged 14. I received a similar response from that school as Hollingworth gave as Archbishop. Yet, now aged 52, I think the longer Hollingworth stays on as G-G, defending himself from within that institution, the

better. Everyone will then have a chance to hear and to feel the depth of corruption at the core of those who protect the perpetrators with silence while throwing the victims overboard.

We victims have had to fend for ourselves in the water and those that survived are strong. Hollingworth by contrast seems flabby and unused to swimming without protection.

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MY photograph was run in a boxed item under the headline, "The forces against Hollingworth" (23-24/2).

Any such inference is false. I am repeatedly on the public records, in statements provided to national metropolitan media, as making no judgment of Dr Hollingworth. The actions I have taken to date, including calling an inquiry into the diocese's past handling of sexual abuse matters, have occurred to address grave claims. My public statements leave no confusion that I am acting in pastoral response to the hurts and needs of the diocese I now lead.

Characterising me as a "force" against the G-G is not only false but has the possibility of undermining the steps I am taking and the support necessary to see all aggrieved parties receive a full hearing.

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