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Mr AOB
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Dear AOB

Thank you for your letter which was received in my office on 4 June 2013 and which I readily acknowledge was difficult for you to write.

In your letter you have requested consideration of your claim of sexual abuse whilst a student at The Hutchins School during the 1960's and the institutional response of The Hutchins School to your claim of sexual abuse. I note you have already reported this matter to the Police.

Would you be willing for me to raise these matters with The Hutchins School?

In particular, I understand that your concerns are to know whether there have been any other claims of sexual abuse made against the Headmaster, the late Mr. DR Lawrence, and what the reasons were for him leaving the School.

I can on your behalf request a response to those matters. However, I have no power to compel The Hutchins School to respond but I can as Visitor to the School request the information be provided.

Can you please advise me as to whether you are willing for me to act as outlined above?

Trusting that this may prove helpful. Please be assured of my commitment to transparency and providing a culture of safety for children and the vulnerable.

I remain yours sincerely,

John H Harrower, OAM
Bishop for Tasmania