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Bishop of Newcastle

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Dean Graeme Lawrence

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Dear Father Graeme

Very sadly I am required by the processes triggered by the Bishop of Wangaratta's suspension of you and by the nature of the complaint made against you to withdraw your Permission to Officiate within the Diocese of Newcastle until this matter is resolved.

I recognize how painful this time must be for you. You will through your natural generosity emphasize with me in doing this given your own experience as an Administrator of a Diocese.

I must strictly follow the guidance of the Director of Professional Standards in this matter so as not to prejudice any outcome for you. This is obviously very stressful for me given our very long friendship.

If I can organize support for you in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

Grace and peace,

**Dr Brian Farran**  
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