



DR BRIAN FARRAN

Bishop of Newcastle

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Dear

I wish to offer you on behalf of the Diocese of Newcastle a profound and sincere apology for the suffering you have endured as a result of the sexual abuse perpetrated upon you by Ian Barrack when you lived with your mother whilst she was training for the priesthood at Saint John's College Morpeth. I am shocked and deeply saddened that you suffered such abuse especially from someone who was training to be a priest in the Anglican Church of Australia.

I do appreciate that as an outsider I cannot know of what has transpired in your life since either those events or the trauma with which you have had subsequently to deal. I know my own sense of revulsion that a person privileged with your friendship violated that privilege to exploit someone much younger as was your sad experience.

CKU I honestly can assure you that the people of the Diocese of Newcastle would share my distress if they knew your story. Given that I know the vast majority of the clergy and parishioners to be really good people, I can as the Bishop of Newcastle claim that my apology to you is a corporate apology on behalf of the Diocese of Newcastle. I hope that my distressed recognition of your trauma makes it clear that we are shamed by what was done to you by Ian Barrack.

I hope that your recovery will be strengthened by this apology, that you will believe that your story has deeply affected me and that my wishes for a good and wonderful life for you are most sincere.

Grace and peace,

**Dr Brian Farran**  
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