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Dear Peter

Greetings from Tasmania.

I enclose with great reluctance a report relating to information I have received about certain past sexual abuse incidents in this diocese.

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Added to that report I advise that on Thursday 7th August I was contacted by the Tasmanian Commissioner of Police and told that he had just signed an extradition order to have Garth Hawkins returned to Tasmania to be charged with eleven counts of rape; ten counts of sexual assault and two counts of aggravated assault. He also advised that Phillip Aspinall's name had been mentioned in several statements, not as an abuser, but as being present REDACTED where abuse has occurred.

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Should Garth Hawkins be brought to trial it is most likely that REDACTED will present evidence of Phillip Aspinall being present REDACTED when abuse has occurred.

We are concerned about the state of health of REDACTED in particular and if you intend to communicate with Phillip Aspinall I would urge you to ensure that Phillip Aspinall does not contact REDACTED. If this cannot be guaranteed then I request that you give me some warning so that further support can be put in place should Phillip Aspinall contact REDACTED. The victim has specifically requested that he not have further contact from the Anglican Church except by letter.

I rely on your counsel and wisdom in this matter and assure you of my prayers and support as you consider this information.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
 Shalom

John Harrower
 Bishop of Tasmania