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Media Statement from Anglican Bishop of Newcastle The Right Reverend Dr. Brian Farran

I recently met with Mr ^{CKA} a former member of the church. Based on that meeting and other available information, I believe Mr ^{CKA} and his family were treated inappropriately over an extended period of time by members of the Anglican Church after he reported that he had been sexually abused as a child by a member of the Church.

I wish to extend a sincere and public apology to Mr ^{CKA} and his family for this situation and the pain and trauma they have experienced as a result.

The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle has made a significant commitment in recent years to strengthen its child protection policies and awareness of these matters, as well as seeking to redress past issues such as this one.

Due to legal implications, at this stage there will be no further comment from the diocese in relation to this matter.