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Bishop of Newcastle

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

The Right Reverend  
The Bishop of Bendigo  
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Dear Bishop Curnow

I write to inform you that I have today suspended the licence of the Reverend Bruce Hoare.

A complaint has been made against Father Hoare alleging inappropriate behaviour involving a child. This allegation may form part of a Police investigation and therefore it is not appropriate for me at this stage to provide Father Hoare with any further detail about the allegation.

I have handed Father Hoare a letter detailing his suspension. I enclose a copy for your information.

This matter is very serious and has caused me real distress for its potential negative impact upon the Church in the Diocese of Newcastle.

Grace and peace,

*+ Brian Newcastle.*

**Dr Brian Farran,  
Bishop of Newcastle.**

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