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Dear CKH

I am grateful to you that we were able to meet together on that cold and windy Friday. Somehow the weather reflected the winter that you have lived through in processing the sexual abuse perpetrated upon you by clergy of the Anglican Church of Australia.

I want you to know again how sincerely sorry I am that you suffered as you did, and I again offer you my heart-felt apologies on behalf of the Anglican Church of Australia. Our meeting has impacted greatly upon me and I shall forever be aware of the suffering caused to you and your family.

Your family is amazing! What truly delightful and wonderful Christians. I feel privileged to have met them and in some way got to know them.

Thank you and [REDACTED] for your kind hospitality, and for the lovely [REDACTED] luncheon. I really love [REDACTED] so that was a real treat.

The trip back was quite delayed because of the high winds in Sydney. We were late leaving [REDACTED] and then put into a holding pattern over the Blue Mountains. So we got into Sydney in the heavy peak hour.

You will have read my media statement – I requested that it be sent to you, and maybe you are aware of the extensive coverage it received. I have had many positive emails and some letters from survivors of abuse, so again I am aware of the great costs to innocent people.

Thank you CKH for what you said to me, what you shared with me and for your respectful demeanour. I value our having met together.

Grace and peace,

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