



Lawrence

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Dear REDACTED

Thank you very much for meeting me and being so caring in the meeting. It was good to catch up again with REDACTED after years of seeing him at General Synod meetings.

Thank you for the provisions you made for the meeting with CKH and REDACTED. It was for me, as for you as a family, an emotional day, but hopefully a healing day.

I cannot enter into the pain you must have borne as parents over these years since learning of the abuse perpetrated upon CKH. I admire CKH for his tenacity and for his phlegmatic approach. He has exercised great courage.

Again, I apologize most sincerely to you for the suffering occasioned upon you and CKH by members of the clergy of the anglican church of Australia. As a father myself who dearly loves his children (and now grandchildren) I cannot comprehend the anguish of knowing that your child has been violated. I also fully understand the degree of affront you experienced when Graeme Lawrence appeared in the diocese of Wangaratta. He could not cope with being retired; not being at the centre of attention. I think he has a narcissistic personality that must draw attention to himself.

For you, there has been much deep emotional self-giving and bearing the pain and struggle that CKH has endured. His vocal appreciation for his family is a great affirmation of you.

I very much admire the quality of your Christian discipleship. Thank you for the witness of your faithfulness.

Grace and peace,

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