



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GRAFTON

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Dear CA

I feel your pain and grief.

If I believed that the Anglican Diocese of Grafton was actually responsible for the hurt and harm which you suffered, I would give you the apology that you seek in your terms. However, as it was a community based facility and the individuals that were cruel were not employees of the Church, and the Church had no control over them, I am unable to meaningfully apologise for those acts.

I ask that you accept my deepest regret for the occurrences at the North Coast Children's Home, but for me to apologise in the way you suggest would be a falsehood, it would be an empty gesture and one that you would one day see through.

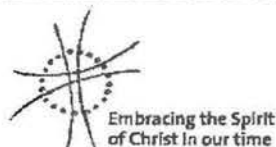
You refer to the apology to others. Both the letters to the solicitors for others and the Deeds of Release state that I would provide an apology. I still stand ready, willing and able to do this, but I have had no such request. If you know of any person needing an apology, please ask them to contact me.

Blessings

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