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CONFIDENTIAL  
 Dear Archbishop Phillip

Thank you so much for replying to my note.

How one leaps to conclusions!

I assumed, as I believe BYG does, that you would have knowledge of all Daniels' child victims.

To the best of my knowledge – I was out of Tassie and only heard the stories much later, in bits and piece- this is the relevant background.

You know BYG from the Berriedale parish where, during the breakdown of his parents' marriage and their struggle (with REDACTED) made BYG a very sensitive and vulnerable boy in the Berriedale parish where his Mum was attending Church at the time. My brother REDACTED his Dad and REDACTED was drinking heavily at the time. Years after the sexual abuse by Daniels, BYG had the courage on his own to pursue Daniels personally in the courts and finally received a financial settlement from Daniels, not the Church. My understanding is that BYG was encouraged to legally pursue Daniels because the Church was washing its corporate hands of him. He has NOT disclosed the sexual abuse to his mother or father or REDACTED or beloved grandfather. Only to my sister REDACTED and me. When I told BYG a few months ago that (knowing my brother well) if REDACTED had known at the time, he would have "killed the bastard", BYG was taken aback as if he doubted that his Dad loved him or would have cared. REDACTED is another authority figure who failed to protect him or pick up the signs.

His fellow victims from the CEBS who had, together with BYG originally brought the abuse personally to the attention of the Bishop of Tasmania (they were in their mid teens) couldn't face joining him in the legal process which BYG started in the late 1990s. Understandably, he still has strong feelings of betrayal by all those in authority in the Church. I understand that one of the other victims committed suicide not so long ago (last year?) when the whole tragedy was again the subject of a Hobart court hearing. I seem to recall that you were involved in those proceedings, having been a character referee for Daniels at one stage. BYG assumes, I think, that you would have followed these proceedings closely and seen/had access to his witness statement from years ago, which was made available to these recent Court proceedings.

To my knowledge there has been no follow up by the Anglican Church of those early Daniels victims like BYG. If so, surely that can be remedied.

Could I encourage you to have it checked, whether Daniels' victims (including BYG and his friends) were ever followed up— given an apology- by the appropriate people in authority and professional counsellors, and if not, to do so now?

That's what I'm hoping for – *the Church/you to take the initiative* in reaching out to BYG and honestly acknowledging what happened in his youth, and his brave journey of survival. He has so much anger and pain still about the cover up by the Church and its then leaders, about "good men" doing nothing. To his enormous credit BYG has personally invested in professional counselling to help him with the flashbacks and anger and the sad legacy of a dysfunctional family and sexual abuse by a priest. He wants honesty. REDACTED flourishing. He yearns for peace and balance in his personal life. You two would really like each other, I have no doubt. He remembers your Dad with fondness also– involved in his confirmation.

BYG is off on 1 January to the REDACTED London to REDACTED. He and his wife REDACTED will have a holiday in Europe after January and return home late February. REDACTED

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