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Dear LN

Since the last time I wrote to you Brian Perkins has been convicted of various acts of abuse and indecency on a number of children who, at the time, were students at St Ann's Special School.

It has been a long and difficult time for you. The conviction and sentencing of Brian Perkins brings one chapter to a close. Brian Perkins has admitted to offences in relation to a few specific children, but it is apparent from all of the police and other information available to us that LD was not one of them. However, there always remains a high level of concern as to whether LD may also have been directly affected. I am conscious of the fear and uncertainty that you may feel in that regard.

Many of you are or may be considering legal proceedings against the Church in relation to this matter. This is your right and I respect it and indeed encourage you to seek your own legal advice.

Apart and independent from your possible legal action, I have made an important decision about supporting LD

I am mindful of the pain and suffering that LD has experienced. I wish to offer \$75,000 as a tangible and visible sign of my heartfelt desire to assist LD

I would encourage you to seek your own independent advice in relation to this offer and the matters set out in the form of acceptance.

If you wish to talk to someone to explain this offer in more detail, you can ring the toll free telephone help line on 1800 101 072. This service will be available between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm Monday to Friday except public holidays. The staff on the telephone line may be able to clarify information with you and help identify other assistance that you may need.

I am not asking you to sign any confidentiality documents nor am I asking you to refrain from any legal action against the Church. This offer to LD is a tangible sign that I do want to continue to provide in a spirit of goodwill and co operation, help and support for students of St Ann's who have been devastated by this possible abuse.

If you wish to accept this offer please complete the attached form of acceptance and include the relevant material as outlined in the attached information and return in the self-addressed envelope to the Professional Standards Office.

I want to reaffirm how sorry I am for any pain and distress that Brian Perkins' actions have caused.

This offer is made in the earnest wish that it will assist in alleviating some of the pain and suffering that has been experienced.

Yours sincerely

+ *Philip Wilson*

Most Reverend Philip Wilson DD JCL
Archbishop of Adelaide