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Dear Michael

**Re: Towards Healing Complaint, Mr John Ellis and Rev Aidan Duggan OSB**

I have received your letter dated 3 September 2004.

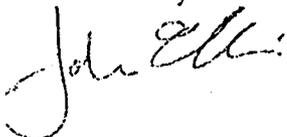
Could you please explain to me the practical implications of your decision to seek to formally terminate the Towards Healing process and close the file on my complaint, and the relevance of my decision to commence legal proceedings to that issue.

I confirm that I have now been advised formally that the foreshadowed meeting with the Archbishop as part of the Towards Healing process is not to go ahead. However, I was given to believe by Msg Rayner that the outcome discussed at facilitation of having arrangements made for a spiritual director to provide assistance in seeking to heal the damage to my relationship with the Church community caused by the established abuse would proceed regardless of my decision regarding avenues for achieving reparation for the financial aspects of the effects of the abuse. As I have heard nothing further on this aspect, I am now unsure as to whether this commitment is to be followed through with, particularly given your most recent letter.

As you are aware from my previous correspondence, I was left with no choice but to commence legal proceedings, given the options presented to me at the facilitation meeting on 20 July 2004. In addition, I was forced to take this step quickly, as the length of time taken to bring the process to the stage of facilitation meant that the relevant Limitation Act trigger point for bringing a legal action would be reached early in September 2004. Had I not commenced action when I did, I would have lost the right to do so. Before commencing action, my legal representatives sought a meeting with Msg Rayner and the Church's lawyers to seek a resolution without the need for litigation. That request was rejected.

I assume that notwithstanding your termination of the Towards Healing process, your files will be made available for the review of the process pursuant to my letter dated 31 July 2004.

Yours sincerely in faith



John Ellis