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Mr Bill Toppin  
Principal  
Hutchins School  
SANDY BAY TAS 7005

Dear Mr Toppin

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mr<sup>AOA</sup>, who has previously written to you reporting that, as a student, he was the victim of sexual abuse by a former principal, Mr David Lawrence. Mr<sup>AOA</sup> also wrote to Bishop John Harrower and informs me that he has received a letter from him conveying a very sincere apology on behalf of the Anglican Church, which meant a great deal to him.

However, Mr<sup>AOA</sup> is very disappointed with your response to his letter. It conveys a very distant statement from the Board rather than an acknowledgement of what happened to him and a personal apology for the consequences and hurt which he has carried for many years. Mr<sup>AOA</sup> has also requested my assistance with obtaining the return of a letter he wrote to Mr David Lawrence which he believes is in the possession of the school.

My constituent continues to feel a deep sense of injustice at what he sees as inaction by the school with regard to his very distressing and disturbing experience whilst a student at the school. As Mr<sup>AOA</sup> has requested my assistance, I ask on his behalf if the school would consider sending a more personal response to him addressing and acknowledging directly the experience endured by him.

Yours sincerely

Bob McMullan