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*Mr Paul Hersbach*

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*Dear Mr Hersbach,*

***Re: Compensation Panel – Archdiocese of Melbourne***

*The Independent Commissioner, Mr Peter O'Callaghan QC, has written to me as Chairman of the Compensation Panel informing me that he is satisfied that you were a victim of sexual abuse.*

*If it is suited to your convenience the Panel would propose to meet with you and discuss your application on Tuesday 31 October 2006 at 6.15 pm. Please let me know as soon as possible whether this date and time are convenient to you. The meeting will take place at the offices of Carelink Counselling Services, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 163 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. I would like to point out that although the meeting is being held at the Carelink offices, the Compensation Panel is an independent body and is totally unconnected with Carelink Counselling Services.*

*The Panel offers each applicant the opportunity to meet with it as part of its consideration of the applicant. To date the Panel has found these informal meetings very helpful in its deliberations and believes that applicants have also found them to be useful and not as traumatic as they may have feared. Because the Panel acts on the finding of sexual abuse by Mr O'Callaghan, there is no need for the applicant to repeat the events of the past on which that finding has been based.*

Mr Hersbach

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*Assuming that the date and time are convenient, it would be appreciated if you could meet with the Panel at the specified time for approximately 30 minutes. I encourage you to bring a relative, friend or counsellor with you to the meeting if you wish.*

*If you have any further information that you want to place before the Panel, please forward it to me as soon as possible.*

*I note that the Panel has been provided with copies of –*

- (a) Mr O'Callaghan's letter dated 21 June 2006; and*
- (b) your application form.*

*If you would like to discuss any aspect of the meeting please feel free to contact me.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*David E Curtain  
Chairman*

*Compensation Panel*

*Per:*

