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28 April, 2012.

Bishop Brian Farran,
NEWCASTLE.

Sturt and Lawrence.

My Dear Bishop,

Thanks for your recent e-mail regarding the decision of Sackar, J. to dismiss each of the claims of these wrongdoers. The decision effectively upheld the determinations of the Board and I am extremely grateful particularly for the input of my colleagues on the Board, Dr. B. Howard and Professor T. Waring. We also had great support from Mr. Michael Elliott, John Cleary and their staff during this very trying process. Further, Mr. Lloyd's input as prosecutor was particularly important.

My reading of the verdict indicates those wrongdoers challenged the integrity of the Board and their challenges were found baseless.

It is a comprehensive and thorough verdict.

One of the motivations for my work in this case was that the victim, when first assaulted was very young in 1981. Further he has been suffering ever since he realised the seriousness of what was done to him. There has never been an admission by either wrongdoer. The victim therefore remains disempowered and distressed as he has for many years. In all of that time, these wrongdoers – knowing their wrongfulness – went about the business of the Church as if nothing wrong had been done.

Given the resounding approbation by the Supreme Court of the Board's unanimous determinations, I have no doubt that, if challenged, the unanimous recommendations for these wrongdoers to be deposed, would be similarly approved by that Court.

Truth & Justice,

C.A. Elliott

President, Professional Standards Board.

