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DR BRIAN FARRAN  
Bishop of Newcastle

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Mr Colin Elliott  
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Dear Colin,

I have to hand a further letter from you dated September 16<sup>th</sup>.

My visit to CKI was co-ordinated by Michael Elliott and made in company with Michael. It was a pastoral visit that lies outside the province of the PSB. Unfortunately, I think that your clarity as to the separation of the Professional Standards process and the position and the role of the Bishop is not as acute as it needs to be.

I wanted as the chief pastor of the Diocese of Newcastle to apologize face-to-face with CKI and his family. They very graciously received me and I think a degree of healing and closure for them was effected through the visit.

I thought that given their suffering they ought to learn of my intentions regarding the recommendations personally and not impersonally through the media.

As to the notion of a settlement prior to the resolution of the Supreme Court case, this was, I understand, a matter of conversations between lawyers and not at any time with my initiation. I learned of this after the conversations had taken place. And in any case, the matter was not mine to influence as it was being defended by the Diocesan Insurers.

As to the proposed amendments to the Professional Standards Ordinance, this was the subject of a motion passed at last year's Synod in Maitland directing that this be done by the Diocesan Council.

These amendments will come to the Synod in Taree in late October for debate. The process at the August Diocesan Council meeting had the presence of Geoff Spring, the Chair of the PSC and the Deputy Chancellor, Judge Chris Armitage. After all, it is the PSC which has the carriage of the Professional Standards Ordinance and Geoff as the Chair was in the most useful position to put the views of the PSC to the members of the Diocesan Council, which he effectively did.

Colin, as I wrote to you before I am most grateful for all you did in the Board Hearings. I recognize your contribution and I think that you gave very professional leadership. Please let me give the pastoral leadership I discern I must give to the Diocese to ensure that there are not rash negative reactions to the outworking of the Professional Standards processes.

Grace and peace,

*B. : Newcastle.*

**Dr Brian Farran,  
Bishop of Newcastle.**

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