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## Anglican Diocese of Grafton

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01<sup>st</sup> October 2013

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**Re: Financial Assistance**

Dear CA,

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 the sum of \$5000.00 was deposited into your nominated account by the Anglican Diocese of Grafton. This financial assistance was provided to you by the diocese on an ex gratia basis whilst a re-assessment of your claim against the diocese is properly undertaken. The payment is made in recognition of the fact that your claim is legitimate and requires further attention.

The Diocese acknowledge that your matter was not handled appropriately since you first wrote to the former Bishop Keith Slater and the former Registrar Mr Pat Comben. The Professional Standards Committee are currently in the process of re-writing and implementing policies and procedures to ensure that future responses to abuse survivors are more appropriate and consistent. As we have discussed by phone, this process may take some months to complete and I appreciate your patience. Once policies and procedures are in place, your claim will be fully assessed and a further financial settlement will be determined. The \$5000.00 payment made to you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 will be deducted from any future settlement figure offered to you.

I look forward to continuing to liaise with you in the hope of providing you a more appropriate response along with the possibility of ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Elliott  
 Director of Professional Standards  
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