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Dear Steve

There are several things I would like to acknowledge to you.

I wish to thank you for your effort, energy, and perseverance in lodging a complaint with the church and working through the process of the Pastoral Support and Assistance Scheme.

As you are aware, I most sincerely apologise for all the pain, suffering and betrayal of trust you experienced as a result of sexual abuse within the church. I profoundly regret what took place. Abuse should never happen.

I have some understanding of the cost of taking a public stand and I admire your courage and resilience. Through the honesty and tears of your sharing I have come to appreciate something of the damage, pain and stress you and other survivors have experienced because of the sexual abuse and its ongoing impact.

My hope is that the courage you, and those close to you, have shown will continue to be a source of support, strength and healing to others.

I deeply appreciate the relationship we have formed and am grateful for what you have helped me to achieve and recognising that the work continues.

Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do in building a healthier church and community.

Yours sincerely

John Harrower