

Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney

Dr Peter Jensen - Archbishop



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Ms Clare Pascoe
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Dear Clare

I am glad to now be able to write and set out a number of matters both in response to your requests and the formal requirements of the Deed entered into between us but also because I want to put these matters in writing to you and re-affirm the sorts of things I have said to you in person.

On behalf of the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney I apologise to you for the Church's bad handling of your whole complaint from the time when we first received notice that there was a concern in 1985. I apologise for the length of time that it has taken to finally achieve some resolution for you. I apologise for the distress and the stress that our response has given you. I apologise for the toll that it has taken on your life. I apologise for the toll it has taken on your faith.

In addition to my general apology, on behalf of the Diocese, I also want to apologise, to the extent that I can, and express my regret where I cannot apologise, for the particular matters that you raise in relation to various former office holders. As you know we have asked Victor Cole, Archbishop Goodhew and Bishop Donald Cameron to respond to your request for apologies, and you know the answers received.

Clare, I sincerely hope that these apologies, along with anything else that we have been able to do for you, will contribute to your ongoing healing. We thank you for being courageous and persistent in bringing your concerns, both about your abuse and about the failures of our system and persons within the system, to our attention. I hope we have learned and will continue to learn from folk such as you.

Please don't hesitate to remain in contact if there are any other matters of concern that you wish to raise with us.

With all best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter F. Jensen'.

Peter F. Jensen
Archbishop