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Statement of Archbishop Denis Hart following the ABC 7.30 Report on Cardinal Pell.

I have known Cardinal Pell as a seminarian, priest, bishop and friend for more than 55 years.

The allegations made on the ABC 7.30 Report on 27 July against Cardinal Pell do not reflect the man I know or the behaviour which I have observed over the years I have known him.

All citizens are entitled to have allegations of criminal conduct investigated independently and according to law by the Police.

Cardinal Pell is entitled to have allegations against him investigated according to the usual lawful processes without being compromised or sensationalised by the media.

Cardinal Pell is also like all citizens entitled to the presumption of innocence.

All in society are at risk if these basic tenets are breached.

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