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Archbishop Denis Hart is aware of the significance of the decision to charge Cardinal Pell.

Cardinal Pell has been a friend and brother priest of Archbishop Hart for more than 50 years. The Archbishop is conscious of the Cardinal's many good works which have been acknowledged both nationally and internationally.

It is a matter of public record that Cardinal Pell addressed the evil of sexual abuse in the Church on becoming Archbishop of Melbourne in 1996.

It is important all in society recognise that the presumption of innocence applies and that Cardinal Pell like all Australians is entitled to a fair trial.

In the interests of fairness and due process Archbishop Hart will not be commenting further.

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