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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse final report was released on Friday.

I welcome the report and I will now spend time reviewing the findings and recommendations.

The Diocese of Armidale cooperated fully with the Royal Commission both in responding to general inquiries and in relation to a specific Case Study. The Diocese will respond to the findings after there has been time to properly analyze the report.

At this time the victims, and families of those who have been abused, are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that the release of this report will be another step in their ongoing journey of healing.

We as the Church will have to face intense media scrutiny and attention in the week leading up to Christmas. Whilst we must face the reality of being a Church of sinners, may we not lose the hope and joy that is so proper to the approaching Christmas season.

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Armidale