



# AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

## PERSONAL STATEMENT OF BISHOP CHRISTOPHER TOOHEY

### Retired Bishop of Wilcannia Forbes

Since resigning as Bishop of Wilcannia/Forbes in 2009 and living in retirement now, I have had the time to reflect back on my life. My behaviour within the context of my relationships with some young adults in my pastoral care during the early years of my ministry was not consistent with that required of a good person. I sincerely regret the hurt I have caused to these people and their families. In the light of these reflections I will not be returning to any active ministry in the church.

Bishop Toohey will not be making any further statement out of respect for the privacy of all concerned.

Fr Brian Lucas  
General Secretary  
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