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## **Statement by Bishop Brian Mascord in relation to Fr Ron Peters**

Today, Fr Ron Peters appeared in Fairfield Local Court in relation to charges of an alleged indecent assault in 1993. His legal representatives indicated he will plead not guilty and the matter was adjourned to 10 July 2019.

While the charges relate to allegations outside our diocese, Fr Peters has been an active member of our community and is well known within the region. We understand the emotional impact this may have for anyone involved.

We are committed to providing care and guidance to all who may desire it within our diocese and ask them to make use of the counselling support that we have in place.

Our desire is for a just outcome in this matter, and we will cooperate fully with the police and courts while respecting the rights and privacy of all parties involved.

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