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Mr Denis Hagan
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Dear Mr Hagan

Thank you for your generous support for our appeal for funds to help the Diocese of Melbourne respond to the scale of the tragedy of the Victorian bushfires.

I am determined that the church will continue its support for the people of the affected areas over the long term. Our biggest need is for extra support for ministry on the ground, both now and ahead through the long period of recovery. Our experience from the 1983 bushfires has shown that the rebuilding of churches, both buildings and people, can be integrated into community rebuilding for the benefit of all.

Your support in these efforts is greatly appreciated.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus

Yours sincerely

The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier
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