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Cardinal Pell Appeal Media Release

The outcome of Cardinal Pell's High Court appeal against his conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges is the culmination of many months of uncertainty. The whole process of trials and appeals has been distressing, most immediately for those directly involved in the court proceedings, but also for others in the community, including victims and survivors of abuse and their families.

There has been a special impact on those of us who live in Ballarat and in our Ballarat diocese more broadly because of Cardinal Pell's early connections with this city and with our diocese.

The case has divided opinions in legal circles and in the general community. Now that the highest court in the land has given a judgement, I hope this will bring some sense of resolution to all those affected by the proceedings.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul Bird'.

Paul Bird

Bishop of Ballarat