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**Important Note:**

*The following Statement has been published on the website of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth. The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth respectfully requests that this Statement be provided in full, if used for any future story which may be published.*

**Dated:** Monday, 12 April 2021

**Subject:** Response to articles published in The Sunday Times  
- Sunday, 11 April 2021.

"This is a litigated civil claim brought against Rev Fr Joseph Walsh by the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth and is currently before the Court.

It is accepted practice to refrain from public comment that could impact upon the independence of any legal process.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth does not comment publicly on the detail of any matter which is the subject of ongoing legal processes, until such processes are fully concluded".

End Statement.