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Dear Ms Dunstone,

Thank you for your letter dated 18 February 2020. Westpac does not propose to make a submission in relation to the matters that are raised in the excerpts contained in your letter. The issues raised in AUSTRAC's Statement of Claim of 20 November 2019 in relation to Westpac are significant and we are taking them very seriously. They are now the subject of a number of legal proceedings and regulatory investigations.

We would note that the quotes contain a number of factual errors. In particular, we are not aware of any basis for the suggestion attributed to the Australian Christian Lobby that 'Westpac has ...allowed \$11 billion of transactions in relation to child sexual abuse'.

That is not one of AUSTRAC's allegations against Westpac in its Statement of Claim and we are not aware of any other basis for the statement to be made.

Yours sincerely,

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