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Mr Garth Hawkins
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Dear Mr Hawkins

At General Synod in October 2007, the National Register Canon was passed which provides for a central database of "Church workers" (lay and clergy) against whom a "notifiable complaint" has been made in regard to child abuse or adult sexual misconduct or where there has been an adverse

- Working with Children check;
- Criminal History check;
- Safe Ministry Check;

or if the person has not been ordained as a Deacon, issued with a licence or appointed by a Church authority because of an adverse risk assessment.

As you are aware, in the past a professional standards complaint has been received in respect of your conduct. The content of the allegations was such that this matter must be recorded in the National Register. Accordingly the relevant details of the complaint and the actions and outcomes which subsequently occurred, or have yet to occur, will be forwarded to the General Synod's National Register database. You should expect a letter from the General Synod Office advising you of the content of your record. If you believe information on your record to be incorrect you can apply for an amendment.

I understand that receiving this advice may cause distress. If so, I encourage you to seek care and support. You may choose to contact your Support Person appointed under the protocol. If you cannot remember who this is, or have lost the contact details, please leave a message on 1800 017 286. I will return your call and do my best to assist you and to ensure that you are supported. Please remember that access to the National Register is strictly limited to Archbishops/Diocesan Bishops, their delegate and to Directors of Professional Standards and then only for specifically nominated purposes. Until or unless the complaint made against you is

determined to be withdrawn, false, vexatious, misconceived or found to have not occurred, the record will remain on the National Register.

You can find further information about the Canon at www.anglican.org.au/docs/GS07Canon%2015National%20Register%20Canon%202007.pdf

Yours sincerely

Anne Foot
Director Professional Standards

The position of Director of Professional Standards is established under the Professional Standards for the Protection of Children and Adults from Sexual Misconduct Ordinance 2005, an ordinance relating to the professional standards within the Church for the protection of Children and Adults in the care of the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania. The Director has the role to provide support to people who make complaints about abuse by Anglican clergy, church officers, church employees and volunteers in the Diocese. She is as independent as possible from the Diocese but she is paid by the Diocese and reports to the Professional Standards Committee of the Diocese.

- We take all complaints of abuse very seriously.
- We will do all we can to lessen harm by providing the best care possible.
- We offer respect, pastoral care and on-going long-term support to anyone who makes a complaint.
- We also offer support to any priest or Church member who is accused of abuse or harassment. The rights of the person accused of wrongdoing will be respected.

The information in this document is confidential and privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the Director of Professional Standards immediately.