

24th June 2002

The Most Reverend Dr. Peter Carnley
Primate of Australia
GPO BOX W2067
PERTH WA 6846

Dear Peter

I advise you as Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia that I have today deposed from Holy Orders, Garth Hawkins, a retired priest, ordained and living in this diocese.

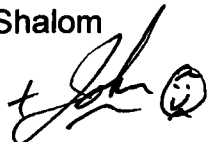
This was the penalty recommended by the Diocesan Tribunal. I enclose for your information a copy of the statement of deposition, the wording of which was based on advice received from the Diocese of Sydney.

As one of the complainants now lives in Western Australia we required the assistance of an assessor in Perth. Your committee, which responds to sexual misconduct issues, has been extremely helpful to us. In particular we are grateful to Mrs. Cynthia Dixon who gave of her time and expertise to act as an assessor for us. I would appreciate, if the occasion arises, if you would convey our thanks to that group and especially Mrs. Dixon.

Garth Hawkins exercised parish ministry in the Diocese of North West Australia some years ago. Because of this we have contacted the Bishop and Registrar of that diocese in more detail than other Bishops and you may wish to place this on file in case further complaints are received in Western Australia.

Yours sincerely in Christ's service

Shalom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Harrower', with a small circular mark to the right of the signature.

John Harrower