

24th June 2002

The Rev. Garth Hawkins

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Dear Garth

It is with sadness that I advise you that after much prayer and consideration I have accepted the recommendation of the Diocesan Tribunal to depose you from Holy Orders.

The signed document is enclosed.

I know this will be a difficult time for you and I do encourage you to maintain contact with David O'Neill.

I have issued a media statement, not to publicise the event and increase your pain, but to ensure as best as possible that what I want to say at this time is reported correctly.

I would be grateful if you could return your Letters of Orders to this office with David O'Neill.

I shall continue to pray for you. Where there is true repentance there is always forgiveness.

If at some time you would like to speak with me I am, of course, willing to meet with you.

Yours sincerely



John Harrower
Bishop of Tasmania

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