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May 15, 2002

The Rt Rev'd John D. Harrower,  
Bishop of Tasmania,  
Church House,  
125 Macquarie Street,  
HOBART, 7000

Dear Bishop,

This letter is to report that the Diocesan Tribunal which you established and to which you appointed me as Deputy President in a letter of February 20, 2002 has held sittings on May 13 and 14 and considered the matter of alleged breaches of the Offences Canon 1962-1981 (-1998) concerning the Reverend Garth Hawkins.

Having heard evidence from the Complainants, the Reverend Mr Hawkins and other witnesses the Tribunal made the following findings:

Charges brought on the complaint of Stephen John Fisher

1. Disgraceful conduct - PROVEN
2. Disgraceful conduct - PROVEN
3. Disgraceful conduct - PROVEN
4. Disgraceful conduct - PROVEN
5. Disgraceful conduct - PROVEN
6. Disgraceful conduct - PROVEN
7. Disgraceful conduct - PROVEN
8. Disgraceful conduct - CHARGE WITHDRAWN
9. Disgraceful conduct - PROVEN
10. Unchastity - NOT PROVEN

Charges brought on the complaint of J<sup>BYF</sup>

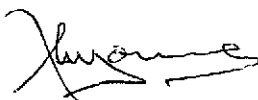
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The Tribunal RECOMMENDS that these findings be agreed to by the Bishop.

As required under Section 60 (1) of Chapter IX of the Anglican Church of Australia Constitution Act 1973 the Tribunal RECOMMENDS that the sentence on the Reverend Garth Hawkins be deposition from holy orders.

It is our intention to write a report from the Tribunal detailing the reasons for our findings and recommendations. Circumstances may mean that there is some delay in the completion of that report and it was the opinion of the Tribunal that we should communicate our findings in advance of that full report as we understand you may want to exercise some pastoral care of the persons involved.

Yours sincerely,



The Reverend Dr J. L. Young