

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
DIOCESE OF TASMANIA
DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL**

**IN THE MATTER OF BREACHES OF THE OFFENCES CANON 1962-1981 (-1998)
CONCERNING THE REVEREND GARTH HAWKINS**

1. DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT contrary to clause 1(5) of the Offences Canon 1962-1981 (-1998)

PARTICULARS

That on a date between the end of April 1980 and the middle of December 1981 at the Anglican Church Rectory at East Devonport in Tasmania, Garth Hawkins, an ordained priest of the Anglican Church of Australia ("the Church") and a rector in a parish of the Diocese of Tasmania ("the Diocese"), engaged in conduct, which was disgraceful for a member of the clergy and which, if known publicly, would be productive of scandal, in that he:-

- (a) caressed the hair of [BYF] without the invitation of the said [BYF] and
- (b) said to [BYF] that he "had a big bed with lots of room for another" or words to the effect and invited [BYF] to join him.

2. DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT contrary to clause 1(5) of the Offences Canon 1962-1981 (-1998)

PARTICULARS

That in or about January 1982 at the Church rectory at Triabunna in Tasmania Garth Hawkins, an ordained priest of the Church and a rector in a parish of the Diocese, engaged in conduct, which was disgraceful for a member of the clergy and which, if known publicly, would be productive of scandal, in that he committed sodomy on and assaulted [BYF] further particulars of which are that he:-

- (a) forcefully sodomised [BYF] and [BYF] *or kissing*
- (b) the assault consisted of scratching [BYF]'s back with his finger nails, and
- (c) the sodomy and assault were committed without [BYF]'s consent.

3. **DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT** contrary to clause 1(5) of the Offences Canon 1962-1981 (-1998)

PARTICULARS

That in or about January 1982 at the Church rectory at Triabunna in Tasmania Garth Hawkins, an ordained priest of the Church and a rector in a parish of the Diocese, engaged in conduct, which was disgraceful for a member of the clergy and which, if known publicly, would be productive of scandal, in that he forced BYF to commit the act of fellatio on him further particulars of which are that he:-

- (a) grabbed BYF's head and pushed it towards his penis; and
(b) BYF did not consent.

TAKE NOTICE that the above charges have been listed for a preliminary hearing before the Diocesan Tribunal at 3.30 p.m. on the 24th April 2002 at Bishops Court, 26 Fitzroy Place, Hobart.

Dated: 19th April 2002.


Robert Charles MacKay
Promotor