

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF TASMANIA
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 in or about late February /early March 1980 at the Anglican Church rectory at East Devonport in Tasmania Garth Hawkins, an ordained priest of the Anglican Church of Tasmania ("the Church") and a rector in a parish of the Diocese of Tasmania ("the Diocese") approached Steven John Fisher ("Fisher"), who was then aged approximately 13 years of age, and in his pastoral care from behind and putting his arms around him, pushed his groin against his buttocks.

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

PARTICULARS

That on numerous occasions during late 1979 and 1980 at the church rectory at East Devonport in Tasmania the Garth Hawkins an ordained priest of the Church and a rector in a parish of the Diocese called Fisher "spunk rat" and said to him that "you've got a beautiful little arse" or "you've got a nice little arse" or words to that effect.

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

PARTICULARS

That in or about the winter of 1980 at the rectory at East Devonport Garth Hawkins an ordained priest of the Church and a rector in a parish of the Diocese took Fisher's right hand in his hand and placed it on his groin and said "have a feel of that".

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

PARTICULARS

That in or about late 1980 at Lake Meadowbank in Tasmania the said Garth Hawkins an ordained priest of the Church and a rector in a parish of the Diocese rubbed Fisher's stomach and grabbed and squeezed Fisher's penis and testicles and said "how come you haven't got a hard on".

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

PARTICULARS

That in or about February 1981 at the rectory at East Devonport Garth Hawkins an ordained priest of the Church and a rector in a parish of the Diocese grabbed Fisher by the hips, pulled him onto his knee and rubbed his hand over Fisher's penis and testicles several times.

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

PARTICULARS

That on approximately six occasions during late 1981 and early 1982 at the rectory at Triabunna Garth Hawkins an ordained priest of the Church and a rector in a parish of the Diocese whilst Fisher was sitting on his knee rubbed Fisher's stomach and grabbed his penis and testicles.

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

That in or about February 1982 Garth Hawkins an ordained priest of the Church and a rector in a parish of the Diocese approached Fisher in the bathroom of the Anglican rectory at Triabunna and placed his hand under the towel being worn by Fisher and grabbed Fisher's testicles.

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

That on approximately three or four occasions during late 1981 and early 1982 in a motor vehicle in and around Triabunna Garth Hawkins an ordained priest of the Church and a rector in a parish of the Diocese used his hand or hands to rub Fishers stomach and groin.

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

PARTICULARS

That on numerous occasions at the rectory at Triabunna during late 1981 and early 1992 Garth Hawkins an ordained priest of the Church and a rector in a parish of the Diocese invited Fisher to sleep with him in his bed.

10. UNCHASTITY contrary to clause 1(1) of the Offences Canon 1962 – 1981 (-1998)**PARTICULARS**

That since at least approximately 1994 Garth Hawkins an ordained priest of the Church has lived and continues to live with one **REDACTED** as man and wife without being married to her.

TAKE NOTICE that the above charges have been listed for a preliminary hearing before the Diocesan tribunal at 10.00 am on 27 March 2002 at Bishops Court 26 Fitzroy Place Sandy Bay in Tasmania.

Dated: 28 February 2002


Robert Charles MacKay
Promotor