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Michael, For your information. Geoff
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From: [Geoff Spring](#)
To: [Bishop Brian](#)
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2012 11:35 AM
Subject: DC meeting

Dear Bishop Brian,

Welcome back.

I have been shown a copy of your ad clerum in which you refer to the special meeting of the DC to deal with the PS Ordinance. I was particularly stunned to see that there will be a report from a working party chaired by Canon Williams. That WP has made no contact with Director or any member of the PSC or PSB. It is beyond belief that we who have laboured in the vineyard for hundreds of hours, have born the unfair and ill informed criticism particularly from people like Canon Williams and have faithfully and conscientiously carried out the burden of tasks given to us by you and the Diocese are now to be completely ignored in any process of discussion relating to the amending of the Ordinance.

Any view of Canon Williams would be tainted . You may recall that at the DC meeting which I attended (where the former Chancellor threatened to sue me) Canon Williams expressed the view following the Gumbly case that "we" had no confidence in the PSB (and by implication the PSC).

It is a mystery to me why the Director would not be an integral player in any review discussions. He has performed magnificently and heroically and this slighting of him is quite extraordinary. He deserves to be acknowledged and respected by having his views considered and expressed for discussion by the DC.

Bishop after all the hard faith shaking work that Michael and I have done for you and the Diocese the failure of the WP to make contact with us in the preparation of any report is a display of ingratitude and rudeness that is incomprehensible and painful not only to us but to all members of the PSC and PSB.

In addition even though you have invited me to the meeting I have not seen the Report . Unless I have access to it prior to the meeting then I would not be a position to meaningfully respond or comment. I thought that the Diocese had taken giant steps forward in professional standards but this may only have been an illusion.

Yours sincerely,
Geoff Spring
Chair of PSC