



The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

28 June 2012

Mr C A Elliott
The President
The Professional Standards Board
The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle
9 Keelendi Road
BELLBIRD NSW 2325

Dear Mr Elliott

The Diocesan Business Manager as Secretary of the Board has forwarded to me your letter to him as it concerned a question that I had raised.

I was somewhat surprised by your response and while not interfering with the process I would like to suggest that it may be in order for the Board to review the role it has been given by the Synod which is to make recommendations to the Church Authority. As I carry the responsibilities of the Church Authority in this matter at this time it remains a concern to me that the process you propose may result in me hearing the recommendations of the Board from public sources before they have been communicated formally to me in accordance with section 75.

In relation to the other matters you raised, as I understand it, the Bishop is seeking advice about the discharge of his responsibilities and will consider that advice further upon return from holidays.

Please be assured of the prayers and good will of the Diocese as you discharge your responsibilities.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Stuart'.

Dr Peter Stuart
Assistant Bishop and Commissary