

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

COMPLAINT TO THE EPISCOPAL STANDARDS COMMISSION (ESC)

1. YOUR DETAILS

Name: Mr Christopher McNaughton..... (Complainant)

Address REDACTED

Contact phone numbers: (H) REDACTED ..... (W) 49 262044.....

REDACTED

Email REDACTED

Are you younger than 18 years old? Yes [ ] No [x]

*If yes, this complaint MUST BE signed by a parent or guardian — see section 6 over page.*

The ESC can provide you with a support person to assist you during the complaint process.

Do you wish to meet with a support person? Yes [x] No [ ]

2. WHO ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT?

Name: Bishop Brian FARRAN ..... (Respondent)

Diocese NEWCASTLE

3. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF YOUR COMPLAINT?

Which of the following offence/s do you allege that the Respondent has committed?

- Any breach of faith, ritual or ceremonial Yes [ ] No [x]

*If so specify the elements of faith, ritual or ceremonial that you say have been breached:*

Drunkenness Yes [ ] No [x]

Wilful failure to pay just debts Yes [ ] No [x]

Wilful violation of:

the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia Yes [ ] No [x]

*If so which provision do you say has been breached:*

Canons made under the Constitution Yes [ ] No [X]

If so which canon do you say has been breached:

Ordinances of the Provincial Synod or the Diocesan Synod

Yes[X]No[ ]

If so which ordinance do you say has been breached:

Professional Standards Ordinance

NOTE: the ESC only has jurisdiction to deal with complaints in respect of the abovementioned offences alleged to have occurred within the past 12 months.

Any breach of discipline Yes [ ] No [X]

If so specify the elements of discipline that you say have been breached:

Unchastity Yes [ ] No [X]

Conduct, whenever occurring, which would be disgraceful if committed by a member of the clergy, and which at the present time is productive, or if known publicly would be productive, of scandal or evil report.

Yes [X] No [ ] Conduct

involving wilful and habitual disregard of his consecration vows

Yes [ ] No [X]

If so please specify the consecration vow that you say have been breached:

When did the conduct or omission the subject of this complaint occur? / December 2010

If more than one date please specify. ....

**What is the conduct or omission you are complaining about?**

Please describe the conduct or omission. Please include relevant **dates** on which events occurred, **places** where events occurred and the **names** of any one who may have witnessed the events. Attach additional sheets if space not sufficient.

In December 2010 Bishop Farran caused and allowed the convening of a tribunal which he and other officers of the Diocese claimed were pursuant to the Professional Standards Ordinance. He knew, because I told him that the protocols for the appointment of the Professional Standards Board had not been approved by Diocesan Council.

Further, that he allowed an illegal tribunal, which purported to represent him and the Diocese, to conduct open hearings, without offering legal representation and without applying the usual standards of evidence and process. Further, he allowed this tribunal to act without regard to the rules of natural justice.

Untested hearsay was broadcast and a disgraceful statement was provided by the tribunal to the press and public. When Bishop Farran was contacted by me he declined to prevent the ongoing tribunal. It was only action brought in the Supreme Court of NSW which ceased the tribunal.

I have also become aware that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been allocated for the prosecution of such cases and this also represents a willful waste of Church money.

Are you directly affected by the conduct

Yes [] No []

If no, who is directly affected? How can they be contacted?

Ordinarily the ESC will seek a statement from the persons directly affected. If this is not you, is there any reason why the ESC should not seek this statement/s?

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4. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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Please attach copies of any material that supports your complaint (for example, statements, reports, letters, email correspondence, invoices, receipts, video or tape recordings) that you think may be relevant to your complaint. This can include material in a written, electronic or other format. You may be required to produce the original during an investigation.

Further supporting information can be sent

5. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND SIGNATURE**

I, **Christopher McNaughton** acknowledge and agree that:

- this complaint and any further information I provide to the ESC may be provided to the Respondent as part of the ESC's investigation;
- I am expected to keep this complaint and its subject matter confidential;
- I will cooperate with the ESC in its investigation of my complaint;
- I will provide the ESC with a statutory declaration setting out my complaint when required to do so;
- if under 18 years of age, the person named in section 6 of this complaint is my parent/guardian and has my permission to:
  - assist the ESC in investigating my complaint; and
  - disclose information to and receive information from the ESC on my behalf,

and the ESC has my permission to inform my parent/guardian of any matter relating to the investigation.

Signature •  .....

Date: 3/5 112011

**6. ENDORSEMENT OF PARENT/GUARDIAN**

**This section must be completed by your parent or guardian if the complainant is under 18 years of age.**

....., of .....

I am the parent/guardian of the Complainant. This complaint is being made with my knowledge. I acknowledge and agree that:

this complaint and any further information I provide to the ESC may be provided to the Respondent as part of the ESC's investigation;

I am expected to keep this complaint and its subject matter confidential;

I have explained the matters set out in this form to the Complainant and believe he/she understands the significance of making a complaint and the matters set out in this document.

I will cooperate with the ESC in its investigation of the complaint.

Signature:

Date: 3/5 12011

FORWARD TO:

Episcopal Standards Commission  
c/- General Synod Office  
Anglican Church of Australia  
Suite 2, Level 9  
51 Drutt Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000