



Anglican Church of Australia

Episcopal Standards Commission

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20 May 2011

Dear Mr Tabart

I acknowledge receipt of your four complaints against Bishop Brian Farran, received on 12 May 2011.

The Episcopal Standards Commission can only investigate and take action where the complaint relates to conduct alleged to have occurred not more than 12 months prior to the date on which the complaint is received (Section 13(1) of the Special Tribunal Canon).

The complaints that you have lodged do not specify the dates upon which the various matters occurred. In order to ensure that the Episcopal Standards Commission has jurisdiction to consider your complaints, I would be grateful if you could furnish me with the following details:

The complaint relating to yourself

- (1) On what date did the election of the current Dean take place?
- (2) On what date was the Cathedral Parish administered during the Bishop's period as Dean?
- (3) On what date did the Bishop report you to the Professional Standards Board?
- (4) What procedures of the ordinance did the Director of Professional Standards fail to follow, and when did he fail to do so?
- (5) What procedures of the ordinance did the Bishop fail to follow, or ensure that the Director followed, and when did he fail to do so?
- (6) On what date or dates did the personal vilification alleged in paragraph 7 occur?

The complaint relating to Audrey Clark and yourself

- (1) On what date or dates were the personal attacks on Audrey Clark led by the Bishop?
- (2) On what date was the published email concerning the vilification of her?
- (3) On what date or dates was the complaint to the Professional Standards Director concerning the published email?
- (4) On what date or dates was the complaint followed up by Professor Ravenscroft?
- (5) What is the date or dates of the documentation from the Director of Professional Standards, referred to in paragraph 5?

- (6) On what date was the information obtained, referred to in paragraph 6?
- (7) On what date or dates did the Bishop make it clear that he wished to "cleanse" the Cathedral?
- (8) What proper procedures of the ordinance were not followed? When were those procedures carried out?

Complaint relating to Parish of St. Johns, Cooks Hill

- (1) What was the date or dates upon which the matter described in the first paragraph occurred?
- (2) On what date or dates did the matters referred to in the second paragraph occur?
- (3) On what date was the meeting of the parish which is referred to in the fourth paragraph?
- (4) What is the date of the letter written by the Bishop, as referred to in the fifth paragraph?

Complaint relating to the Ven. Peter Rushton

- (1) Please furnish the dates of each of the events referred to in paragraphs 1 to 6.

I would be grateful if you could respond before 15 June 2011 as I would like to present your complaints to a meeting of the Episcopal Standards Commission which is scheduled for that date.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon. David Lloyd QC
Acting Director