

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

COMPLAINT TO THE EPISCOPAL STANDARDS COMMISSION (ESC)

1. YOUR DETAILS

Name: Mr Laurie Tabart (Complainant)

Address: REDACTED

Contact phone numbers: (H) REDACTED (W)

(M) REDACTED

Email: REDACTED

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

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 [] No [x]

2. WHO ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT?

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

Diocese of 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

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*Relating to
Ven B. Rushton.*

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Canons made under the Constitution Yes No

If so which canon do you say has been breached:

Canons which relate to honesty and intimidation. Disgraceful Conduct.

Ordinances of the Provincial Synod or the Diocesan Synod

Yes No

If so which ordinance do you say has been breached:

Professional Standards Ordinance supervision and interference; dishonesty and disgraceful conduct.

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

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

Unchastity Yes No

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 No Conduct

involving wilful and habitual disregard of his consecration vows

Yes No

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? /

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If more than one date please specify. ongoing since 2009 revisited officially in 2010/11.

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.

The personal attacks by the bishop on the name and reputation of the Ven. Peter Rushton.

1. The inability of the accusations to be referred to any church tribunal because HE WAS DEAD.

1. The public vilification of him and those who served with him by the Bishop in the public media.
2. The dishonest claim by the Bishop that the police were investigating the claims which he said eventuated from the Parish of S.Luke's Wallsend.
3. The use of his Synod address and the subsequent synod to focus upon the claim with no opportunity for him or those whom had known him well to answer these charges.
4. The Bishops cleansing of the church without any opportunity for challenging the evidence presented.
5. No attempt to contact or verify the claims which he publically made by reference to Bishops Herft, Holland and Appieby.
6. The bishop acting as prosecutor, judge and jury in this matter as well as binging disgrace upon the name of a dedicated priest a beloved godfather and a trusted colleague.
7. The complaint above is a sad reflection on the state of this diocese where priests are afraid to speak out on issues of ordinance breaching and disgraceful conduct against clergy.

Are you directly affected by the conduct

Yes [] No [x]

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

This is a difficult question to answer as the priest is dead. I believe it may be appropriate to examine this matter with the bishops named and the priests with whom he swerved in his ministry in the diocese of Newcastle.

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?

I believe not.

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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. Information in detail is available on request.

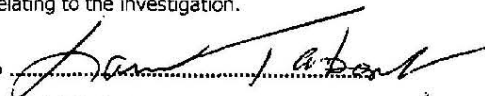
5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND SIGNATURE

Laurie Tabart 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; [except where already published]
- 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: May / 2 0 1 1