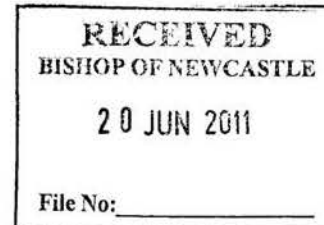




Anglican Church of Australia

Episcopal Standards Commission

The Right Reverend Brian Farran
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 Anglican Diocese of Newcastle
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16 June 2011

Dear Bishop,

The Episcopal Standards Commission has received several complaints regarding your administration of the Diocese of Newcastle, which came before a meeting of the Commission on 15 June 2011.

The complaints are as follows:

- (a) (i) REDACTED
- (ii) REDACTED
- (iii) REDACTED
- (b) REDACTED – re convening and conduct of the Professional Standards Board
- (c) REDACTED
- (d) REDACTED
- (e) REDACTED – re
 - REDACTED
 - REDACTED
 - COJ
 - Ven. Peter Rushton
- (f) REDACTED – request for clearance
- (g) REDACTED and six others – various matters

Copies of each complaint are enclosed, together with letters from me requesting clarification in some cases.

At this stage it is not necessary for you to respond to complaints (b), (d) and (e) above, as the Commission is awaiting consideration of further information, although you may do so if you wish.

You are invited, however, to respond to complaints (a), (c), (f) and (g). Under the Episcopal Standards Commission (General) Protocol, your response if any is required within 3 weeks. Please advise if you require the services of a support person.

I should also point out that the Commission has no jurisdiction in relation to acts that occurred more than twelve months before the receipt of the complaints (which occurred on 12 May 2011), although some matters are of a continuing nature.

I also advise that the Commission received a further three complaints – from Mr J Gumbley, Mrs Jill Gumbley and from the Reverend David McMillan but those were only received on 14 June 2011 and are yet to come before a meeting of the Commission. If you are required to respond then we will, of course, let you know.

Yours faithfully,



The Hon. David Lloyd QC
Acting Director
Episcopal Standards Commission