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**Bishop Brian**

**From:** Philip Gerber [pgerber@sydney.anglican.asn.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 February 2007 3:01 PM  
**To:** Bishop Brian  
**Subject:** Re: Newcastle Diocesan Council

Dear +Brian,

I was only thinking about this yesterday.

I agree that it should be raised in terms of a general censure to DC as a group who both knew explicitly that the particular facts were confidential and also were additionally aware of the confidentiality because the matter was "shielded" in that no names or identifiers were used.

Having "put 2 and 2 together" (which is understandable in our context and of itself not a problem) that did not mean the person should have then contacted Rev <sup>CKR</sup> Although they could have been wrong in their conclusion which could have caused even more harm!

They could and should have still just kept their counsel i.e. kept their mouth shut. That they felt the need to talk says more about their thinking about their own needs rather than those of Rev <sup>CKR</sup>

I think they should be challenged to:

1. disclose to you privately if they were the person who breached the confidence in this instance;
2. all excuse themselves from any matter where they think they are or might be compromised by the subject matter
3. have regard always for confidentiality of DC business.

Incidentally it is a problem everywhere. Our diocesan secretary regularly has to remind Standing Committee members of the issue both generally and in particular matters. In a serious and sensitive enough matter Archbp has suggested before talking that people who are not prepared to keep confidences absent themselves.

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13/02/2007 11:52

Subject Newcastle Diocesan Council

Dear Philip,

I have the first Diocesan Council meeting this year this Thursday.

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I think that I should raise the breach of confidentiality concerning <sup>CKR</sup>

Do you agree?

Would you suggest to me in what form I should raise it?

Grace and peace,

+Brian

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