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The Right Reverend G Thompson
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Dear Bishop

I refer to your letter of 20th May and apologise for not replying sooner. I have taken pastoral advice, prayed about this issue and have had legal advice. I am moving house and have had not much spare time.

The Diocesan Council and Ordinance do not affect the issues which took place before the ordinance was assented to by you.

I deny I have committed any offence which is defined as "examinable conduct". I told you the truth. I do not appear to have received a copy of the advice from the Professional Standards Committee.

For procedural fairness, I should have been served with a copy of the complaint about me and the evidence relied upon. I had no right of appearance or the opportunity to call evidence, no copy of the Orders of the Professional Standards Committee has been served. There has been a total failure of procedural fairness. I understand victims are to have a chaplain appointed by the Bishop, again this did not happen. You have bullied me by your actions, which have been unfair and incorrect.

I have never had any restrictions in acting for clergy in criminal matters- my right of private practice has never been an issue.

I have never had any conflict of interest as alleged by you and set out in the last sentence of page 1 of your letter.

In fact, in acting for a person in a criminal matter, my interest is that of the client.

I have in the course of moving found my file created in the Father George Parker trial. I have received written advice from Fr Parker not to provide any information to the Diocese of Newcastle.

I am prepared to cooperate with Mr Cleary in relation to certain matters if he contacts me by phone in the next 14 days, if not I will probably make my own submissions to the Royal Commission. I will not provide with Diocese with a copy of my submissions.

You cannot impose time conditions when proper provision for procedural fairness is ignored.

I proposed to stand for any position for which I am nominated at the Parish of Terrigal Annual General Meeting. I hold the view you cannot control my pastoral and other duties unless you assume the position of Rector when conducting services in the Parish.

I remind you that I have never acted for the Diocese in professional standards matters.

I am disappointed in this attitude of the Diocese of Newcastle and you which have no pastoral concern for anybody generally.

Yours faithfully,



WK Allen