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The Bishop of Newcastle
P O Box 817
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Dear Bishop,

I thank you for your letter of 7th January 2016.

In response to the third paragraph I never acted in any matter against the Diocese. All members of the Trustees, Synod and Parish Councillors were never under any restrictions in favour of the Diocese. The Trustees have all conducted their business or professional practice. I was never under a duty of care to the Diocese which came before my duty of care my the clients.

I did act for the Trustees in one conveyancing matter where the Diocesan Solicitors where the Vendors in the matter. That was the subject of a motion by the Trustees and my memory is that my professional fees were restricted to approximately \$120.00, in addition to any disbursements incurred.

I cannot work with your Professional Standards Director. I did ask the Diocesan Manager to ring me regarding the issues, on two occasions however, I never received a response.

Fr Parker's position was reported in the newspapers extensively. The former Diocesan Business Manager attended the trial for a time, according to my memory.

Another priest resigned from a Parish in the Diocese before being charged and I appeared for him in criminal proceedings.

A victim of assault by a Youth Leader (CEBS) committed a criminal offence and I acted in the criminal proceedings for the victim of the assault. I believe this information is with the Diocesan Business Manager.

I have been dismissed by you for an offence alleged prior the Newcastle (Responsible Persons) Ordinance 2015.

"Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation."

There is a fundamental failure of fairness in your process and I take the view that I am not bound.

I do not wish to discuss the Rector-Elect.

There is a right of any person in our society to be represented by Lawyers and not be convicted by the press or other persons or entity in society.

I am not against "healing of the Church" but it must include many of the Church's organisations to bring healing to society in general.

I note you have not appointed a person as my Chaplain.

Yours faithfully,



WK Allen