



## The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

The Right Reverend Gregory Thompson  
Bishop of Newcastle

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Mr Keith Allen  
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Dear Keith,

Further to your conversation with me on Thursday 26 March 2015, I continue to have deep concerns about your involvement with the Professional Standards matters which are subject to a Royal Commission and Police enquiry.

Your conversation with me in Adelaide (June 2014) then in February 2015 and recently in March this year gave me conflicted views on material that may be important before a Royal Commission.

In addition, you have been unable to provide me with written response to the two letters I have sent to you this year seeking assistance to understand the nature of information you hold. Further, you have said that you are unable to work with our Professional Standards process and our Professional Standards Director.

In order for the governance of the Diocese to address both the Royal Commission and the Police enquiry, I ask you to stand down from all Diocesan positions effective immediately.

Please confirm this in writing to me.

When the Royal Commission and the Police enquiries are concluded into the Diocese of Newcastle we will be in a better position to consider your involvement in the governance of this Diocese.

Yours sincerely,

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