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The Rev'd Canon George Parker

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Dear Fr George,

Re: Application for a *Permission to Officiate*

Yesterday I met with the Director of Professional Standards to review applications for PTO's.

I regret to inform you that the ongoing investigations in the Diocese of Newcastle by NSW Police as well as by the DPS for Newcastle in preparation for Royal Commission enquiries, mean that it is not possible to issue you with a clearance and so I am not able to issue you a PTO. Consequently, you should refrain from the exercise of any liturgical, pastoral or other ministerial activity.

The Director noted that on your application for a Police Clearance you gave an incorrect date of birth. This sort of small mistake inevitably arouses suspicion.

I remind you that Fr Roger Wood has the brief of offering pastoral care to the retired clergy. I also know that Fr David Oulton has a special care for you and you should feel free to approach these men or any others for pastoral support at this time.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Rev'd Garry Weatherill
Bishop.