

**Phillip Aspinall**

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**From:** Phillip Aspinall  
**Sent:** Sunday, 5 April 2015 9:01 AM  
**To:** Cameron Venables  
**Cc:** Greg Milles  
**Subject:** RE: John Elliott

Cameron

Thank you for this update and for the important steps taken to ensure protection of people in the Lutheran congregation John Elliot hopes to attend.

May I observe that I don't think your characterisation of our policy development is strictly accurate. I don't think it is correct to say that we have shifted from a small group having specific training in and responsibility for monitoring of a known offender or person of interest. That is still very much part of the policy. What has happened is that the need to inform the whole community has been recognised as a necessary step in protecting vulnerable people. Both components are integral to the policy.

With Easter greetings

Phillip

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Cameron Venables  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 March 2015 11:42 PM  
**To:** Phillip Aspinall  
**Cc:** Greg Milles  
**Subject:** John Elliott

Dear Phillip,

On Monday Adam Lowe was contacted by one of the pastors at [REDACTED] about John Elliott. John has been worshipping at this church over recent weeks and has apparently shared with the leadership of [REDACTED] the details of his conviction for child sexual abuse and the supervisory agreement that was in place at [REDACTED] until last year.

John has asked permission to join [REDACTED] and the elders were meeting on Monday afternoon to discuss supervisory arrangements.

I agreed to call [REDACTED] and asked Adam to formalise his request for me to contact them in an email which he duly did.

I called [REDACTED] prior to this meeting and he was particularly interested in finding out whether I was aware of John breaching the initial agreement in any way, and the nature of the Diocesan Policy revision that had been made. I explained that I was not aware of John beaching the agreement, and the principal shift the revision made was from a small monitoring group to a whole congregation approach to accountability and monitoring.

[REDACTED] seemed to be grateful for the feedback and suggested that the documentation of the initial agreement developed by the Diocese, and supplied to him by John, would greatly assist the elders in their decision making and supervision process.

Having contacted [REDACTED] I replied to Adam's email indicating that I had been in touch with [REDACTED] as requested and copied Greg Milles into that email dialogue.

I think it is encouraging to know that John was transparent with the [REDACTED] Church leadership and that they have followed this up with us.

in peace,  
Cam

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