



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Archbishop Juan Ignacio Arrieta
Secretary
Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts
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Rome 00193

Your Excellency,

I refer to your letter of 21 April 2012 prot 13476/2011/A192 addressed to Archbishop Philip Wilson concerning the request for comments on *the Schema recognitionis Libri VI CIC*. As I was elected President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference at the recent Plenary meeting I am replying to your letter in that capacity.

In the first instance we apologise for the delay in replying to your request for comments but it was important that those who had prepared the material for the Episcopal Conference were able to consult widely and take into account various views. This they have done. The material was then assembled and presented to the Plenary meeting of the bishops in the past week.

I now enclose for your consideration the response prepared by the Bishops Commission for Canon Law and presented to the Plenary meeting.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Denis J Hart
President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference