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Re: 'professional standards amendment ordinances 2015' - Lizzie McLaughlin

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 2 attachments (19 KB)

professional standards amendment ordinances 2015.docx; ATT00001.txt;

Dear Bishop Peter,

Thank you for the great effort in preparing the drafts for DC. As Michael has advised we have looked at the amendments and agree in principle .

However in Amendment Ordinance#2 I think there may be a couple of typos as follows:-

1. In line one of "a" the subsection should be 3(1) rather than 3(i) .
2. In b. I think that the new subsection should be (d) as (c) relates to process failure.

Otherwise I accept the reasoning in leaving out the reference to "acknowledging receipt" by the Church Authority in AO#1

I also agree with your addition of the words "punishable by imprisonment for twelve months or more."

There are some other aspects which I will discuss with you later. These do not require an amendment as much as drawing to the attention of the Clergy the terms of S 31(1) concerning the reporting to the Director . Perhaps it may need to be made stronger so as to avoid Clergy failing to report for say "pastoral reasons".

Thank you again. I am happy subject to the above to support the Bills.

Warmest regards,

Geoff Spring

Chair PSC

> On 19 Aug 2015, at 3:25 pm, Bishop Peter <BishopPeter@newcastleanglican.org.au> wrote:

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> Dear Michael, Geoffrey and John,

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> As John will know I have been under pressure with some other things I have been working on. I apologise that these draft bills have come at the last minute.

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> Bill 1 changes section 77 but does not include the requirement for the acknowledgement of receipt by a church authority. I was concerned that a church authority may accidentally or intentionally frustrate the process by failing to give a receipt.

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> Bill 2 allows the consideration of criminal conduct (punishable by imprisonment of 12 months or more) by the PSD, PSC, PSB.

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> Bill 3 expands the definition of the process failure.

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> The paper proposes that that the Integrity Commission Ordinance is not proceeded with.

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