



# Anglican Church of Australia

## Episcopal Standards Commission

Mr L Tabart

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05 August 2011

Dear Mr Tabart,

I refer to two complaints by yourself and six others (namely, Simon Adam, Robert Caddies, Chris McNaughton, John McNaughton, Geoff Orrock and Lyn Scanlon) received by the Episcopal Standards Commission on 14 June 2011.

These complaints were considered by the ESC at a recent meeting.

After careful consideration the ESC concluded that the complaints are purely about the internal administration of the Diocese; that some of the matters complained about occurred more than twelve months before the complaints were lodged (over which the ESC has no jurisdiction); that there is no conduct for which the Bishop is responsible which amounts to a breach of any Canon of the Anglican Church of Australia; that none of the material would warrant a conclusion that the Bishop is unfit to hold Holy Orders; that the complaint regarding the Bishop's implementation of the Newcastle Professional Standards Ordinance is being appropriately dealt with in the Supreme Court; and accordingly it was decided to decline to take any further action.

I have included an additional six copies of this letter for each of your co-complainants.

Yours faithfully,



The Hon. David Lloyd QC  
 Acting Director