

**STATEMENT OF PHILLIP JOHN ASPINALL**

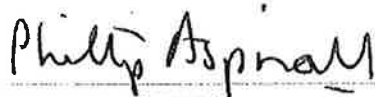
1. I, **PHILLIP JOHN ASPINALL** make this statement which accurately sets out the evidence that I am prepared to give to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**Background**

2. My full name is Phillip John Aspinall. I was born in Hobart on 17 December 1959.
3. I hold a science degree from the University of Tasmania, a degree in Theology from the Melbourne College of Divinity, a Masters of Business Administration from Deakin University and a PhD in education from Monash University.

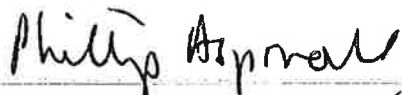
**My Involvement with the Anglican Church**

4. I was baptised in 1960 at St Mary's Anglican Church, Moonah, Tasmania. I was confirmed in that church at age 10. As a child, I would regularly attend Sunday school and the Church of England Boys' Society ("CEBS") in the same parish.
5. From about ages 12 - 14 I attended CEBS in the Parish of St Alban's, Claremont, Tasmania. I ceased involvement with the Church from age 14 until I was around 18 years old when I became involved with children, youth and Christian education ministry in Tasmania, including as a volunteer leader and various other positions in CEBS, the Diocesan camping programs and the Youth Synod.



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6. Prior to being consecrated as a Bishop in 1998, I held the following remunerated positions within the Anglican Church:
- a. 1980 - Field Officer, CEBS (part time);
  - b. 1981 - 1984 Youth and Education Officer, Tasmania;
  - c. 1983 - 1984 Deputy Warden, Christ College, University of Tasmania (part time);
  - d. 1985 - 1988 Director of Parish Education, St Stephen's Mount Waverley, Melbourne (part time);
  - e. 1988 - 1989 Assistant Curate, St Mark's Launceston, Tasmania;
  - f. 1989 - 1991 Assistant Priest, Parish of Brighton, Tasmania;
  - g. 1991 - 1994 Priest, Bridgewater-Gagebrook, Tasmania;
  - h. 1994 - 1998 Director, Anglicare Tasmania; and
  - i. 1997 - 1998 Archdeacon for Church and Society, Tasmania.
7. In 1998 I was consecrated bishop in Adelaide. I served as Assistant Bishop there until 2001 when I was elected Archbishop of Brisbane and commenced this role on 2 February 2002.
8. I was elected Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia in July 2005, re-elected Primate in October 2008 and served in that role until 2014. I continued serving as Archbishop of Brisbane during my time as Primate. The Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier, took over office as Primate in July 2014.



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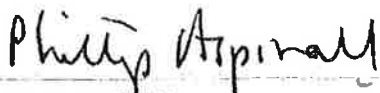
9. I remain Archbishop of Brisbane.
10. Other positions I have held within the Church include:
- a. 1995 - current: Member of the General Synod and Standing Committee of the Anglican Church of Australia;
  - b. 1995 - 1998 (approx.): Member of the General Synod Women's Commission;
  - c. 2005 - 2014: as Primate, ex officio Chair of the Standing Committee and its Executive; and
  - d. 2007 - 2010: Member of the International Primates' Standing Committee and ex officio Member of the Anglican Consultative Council.

**Structure of the Anglican Church in Australia**

11. There are twenty-three dioceses of the Anglican Church in Australia, including three in Queensland. The titular head of each diocese is a Bishop or an Archbishop.
12. The roots of the Anglican Church of Australia lie in the Church of England. We inherited old Church law from the Church of England, but over time a lot of that has been changed.

**National Structure**

13. There is a General Synod for Australia, at which the Primate presides.
14. The General Synod consists of three 'houses'. The House of Bishops includes all 23 Diocesan Bishops but not assistant bishops. It may also include two



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