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### **CONFIDENTIAL**

12<sup>th</sup> October 2010

The Most Reverend Roger Herft  
 Archbishop of Perth  
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 Perth,  
 W.A, 6846

### **Re: Rev'd Graeme LAWRENCE**

Dear Archbishop Roger,

I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

Thankyou for the information you provided in that correspondence as to your perspective on these matters.

Please find attached copies of several of the documents referred to in my initial correspondence in order to assist you in your recollection process.

With regard to the method used in delivering of my letter of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to you via the Diocese of Perth Director of Professional Standards and your request for an explanation to address your deep concern, I chose this method of delivery for several reasons;

- 1) As the material was highly sensitive and my preference was for it to be viewed by your D.P.S as opposed to any possible administration staff
- 2) The expedience of delivery
- 3) It enabled your D.P.S to provide support and advice to you in dealing with this matter and I recommended to him that he offer to assist you in a supportive role with any subsequent response.

As for your assertions in relation to this course of action;

- a) Leaving you open for the matter to be placed before the Episcopal Standards Commission
  - b) Rendering you ineligible to be nominated to any position at General Synod
- and;
- c) Leaving you open to the possibility of publicity that would have been damaging to your personal integrity and character,

in investigating this matter such consequences are not my primary concern or agenda and it would be unethical of me to delay or impede follow-up of these matters on such grounds. The attached material came into my possession on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and I drafted my letter to you immediately that same day.

I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely

Michael Elliott  
 Director of Professional Standards  
 Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, Armidale and Grafton