Statement

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BACKGROUND

1. This statement 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.

2. I have made two earlier statements to the Royal Commission. The first, which was dated 18 January 2016, concerned the development of professional standards within the Diocese of Sydney, Anglican Church of Australia. I shall refer to this earlier statement as ‘my earlier professional standards statement’. The second statement, also dated 18 January 2016, concerned specific matters arising from allegations of child sexual abuse made against Simon Jacobs. Both my previous statements (respectively [STAT.0819.002.0001_R] and [STAT.0843.001.0001_R]) were tendered during the Royal Commission’s Case Study 36 into the Church of England Boys’ Society (‘CEBS’), which was held in Hobart in January to February 2016.

3. I make this statement because I have been asked by the Royal Commission to provide an update to my earlier professional standards statement, which sets out any changes to the matters addressed in that statement that have occurred since it was tendered.

4. A further statement about the CEBS hearing, and related steps taken by the Diocese of Sydney after that hearing, will be filed in early February 2017.

5. I have been the Archbishop of Sydney since August 2013. I started my career as a schoolteacher, before becoming a parish minister and then a lecturer in Biblical Studies at Moore Theological College, Newtown. After gaining a PhD from Sheffield University I returned to Moore College as a lecturer and later also as Registrar of the College. From there I returned to parish ministry for 7 years, before being consecrated as the Bishop of North Sydney in 2001.
I remained in that position until my election as Archbishop by the Sydney Synod of the Anglican Church in 2013.

6. There are two sources for the information contained in my statement. The first is my own personal knowledge, based on my experience. The second is information that has been obtained on my behalf, including from staff in the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat, the Professional Standards Unit and the Sydney Registry of the Diocese, which I believe to be true.

7. Exhibited to me at the time of signing this statement are documents to which I refer in my statement. These documents have been provided to the Royal Commission by the Diocese of Sydney.

**ANGLICARE**

**Background - merger**

8. In my earlier professional standards statement at paragraph 110 and following, I described the relationship between the Diocese of Sydney and Anglicare Sydney. I stated that Anglicare Sydney was a ‘trading name’ for the entity known as Anglican Home Mission Society Council, which was a body corporate under the *Anglican Church of Australia (Bodies Corporate) Act 1938 (NSW)* (‘the 1938 Act’). I also stated that while other Anglicare entities throughout Australia did not have any formal relationship with the Synod, Anglicare Sydney was the urban mission and community care arm of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Sydney.

9. Following a Special Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 27 April 2016, Anglicare Sydney merged with Anglican Retirement Villages to become Anglican Community Services. The purpose of the merger was to support the Sydney Anglican Diocese Mission, to improve the competitive positioning of both agencies and to streamline costs. Anglican Community Services has adopted many of the objects and functions previously carried out by the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council.

10. A true copy of *Synod Resolution 2/16*, by which the merger was approved, is annexed and marked with the letter ‘A’. The Standing Committee subsequently passed the *Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney (Merger with Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council) Ordinance 2016* and the *Anglican Retirement Villages of Sydney Constitution
Ordinance 1961 Amendment Ordinance 2016, to give effect to the merger. True copies of these ordinances are annexed and marked with the letters 'B' and 'C' respectively.

11. Anglican Community Services (trading as 'Anglicare') is a body corporate established by the Synod pursuant to the 1938 Act. As a public benevolent institution it has Deductible Gift Recipient status. Anglican Community Services' administration is distinct from the Diocese of Sydney and it has its own independent self-contained administrative support systems and staff (including all necessary support services).

Indemnity

12. The assets of the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council's Church Trust Property have been transferred to Anglican Community Services through a variation of trusts. In return Anglican Community Services has provided the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council with an indemnity for its liabilities, actual and contingent. The liability relevantly covers potential future child abuse claims arising from incidences of abuse that occurred either in the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Homes and its services, Church of England Homes or the Anglican Counselling Centre.

13. The indemnity was entered into on 29 June 2016, after a resolution of the Standing Committee of Synod on 21 March 2016 stating that the Synod will not allow the structure of the Diocese and Diocesan organisations to be an impediment to meeting legitimate obligations, particularly those arising from historic child abuse claims.

14. The Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council still exists as a body corporate and remains responsible, under cl. 3(2) of the Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney (Merger with Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council) Ordinance 2016, for the management and settlement of its liabilities under its Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme and other liabilities (which are funded by the indemnity from Anglican Community Services). In practice, however, the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council has no staff and these functions are carried out by the staff of Anglican Community Services on its behalf.

15. The Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme previously operated by the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council continues to operate. It is now operated, unchanged, by Anglican
Community Services. It therefore continues to operate in parallel to, and consistently with, the Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme of the Diocese of Sydney.

Governance

16. The board of Anglican Community Services includes the Archbishop, as the non-member President in accordance with the Synod’s Governance Policy. The Board consists of 3 clergy elected by the Synod, 3 lay persons elected by the Synod, up to 3 members appointed by the Archbishop and up to 2 members appointed by the board. The members of the board of Anglican Community Services are also ex officio members of the board of the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council. Mr Grant Millard is the CEO of Anglican Community Services, having previously been the CEO of the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council.

17. The governance of Anglican Community Services is set out in the Anglican Community Services Constitution Ordinance 1961, a true copy of which is annexed and marked with the letter ‘D’. The role of the Board includes:

(a) Ensuring the activities and strategic direction of Anglican Community Services will further the work of the Anglican Church of Australia, Diocese of Sydney, by promoting and proclaiming the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ while undertaking works of public benevolence that reflect the love of God as shown in Christ including, among other things:

   (i) Welfare and support services for the vulnerable, the marginalised, the disabled and those in necessitous circumstances; and

   (ii) Providing monies, guarantees or indemnities to support any body corporate constituted at the instance of the Synod of the Diocese of Synod under the 1938 Act undertaking similar objects or objects incidental to any object of Anglican Community Services;

(b) Appointing the Chief Executive Officer, and overseeing and monitoring the performance of Anglican Community Services’ management; and

(c) Ensuring that Anglican Community Services’ income and property is applied solely towards the promotion of Anglican Community Services’ objects.
18. The following specific governance requirements apply to Anglican Community Services’ relationship with the Diocese:

(a) At least once a year, the Board of Anglican Community Services is required to report to the Synod about its proceedings and its pursuit of each of its objects;

(b) At least once a year, the Board must consult with the Standing Committee in relation to its object of providing welfare and support services for the vulnerable, the marginalised, the disabled and those in necessitous circumstances;

(c) The Board is also required to furnish such other information about its affairs as may be requested from time to time by resolution of Synod or the Standing Committee; and

(d) The Board is required to comply with the *Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance* 1995.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE

19. In my earlier professional standards statement, I provided a chronological account of the Diocese of Sydney’s approach to professional standards from 1 January 1962 to 2 November 2015. That chronology, which is to be read in conjunction with the Diocese’s answers to ten topics set out in my earlier professional standards statement, has been updated. The updated policy chronology is annexed and marked with the letter ‘E’.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 20 December 2016

Witness: [Signature] (Michael Blaxland)

Date: 12-12-2016