

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

COMPLAINT TO THE EPISCOPAL STANDARDS COMMISSION (ESC)

1. YOUR DETAILS

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss (Complainant)

Address:

.....

Contact phone numbers: (H) (W)

(M)

Email:

Are you younger than 18 years old? Yes [] No []

If yes, this complaint MUST BE signed by a parent or guardian – see section 6 over page.

The ESC can provide you with a support person to assist you during the complaint process.

Do you wish to meet with a support person? Yes [] No []

2. WHO ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT?

Name: Bishop/Archbishop (Respondent)

Diocese:

3. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF YOUR COMPLAINT?

Which of the following offence/s do you allege that the Respondent has committed?

▪ Any breach of faith, ritual or ceremonial Yes [] No []

If so specify the elements of faith, ritual or ceremonial that you say have been breached:

.....

.....

▪ Drunkenness Yes [] No []

▪ Wilful failure to pay just debts Yes [] No []

▪ Wilful violation of:

– the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia Yes [] No []

If so which provision do you say has been breached:

.....

.....

– Canons made under the Constitution Yes [] No []

If so which canon do you say has been breached:

.....
.....

– Ordinances of the Provincial Synod or the Diocesan Synod

Yes [] No []

If so which ordinance do you say has been breached:

.....
.....

NOTE: the ESC only has jurisdiction to deal with complaints in respect of the abovementioned offences alleged to have occurred within the past 12 months.

▪ Any breach of discipline Yes [] No []

If so specify the elements of discipline that you say have been breached:

.....
.....

▪ Unchastity Yes [] No []

▪ Conduct, whenever occurring, which would be disgraceful if committed by a member of the clergy, and which at the present time is productive, or if known publicly would be productive, of scandal or evil report.

Yes [] No []

▪ Conduct involving wilful and habitual disregard of his consecration vows

Yes [] No []

If so please specify the consecration vow that you say have been breached:

.....
.....

When did the conduct or omission the subject of this complaint occur?

/ /

If more than one date please specify:

.....

4. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please attach copies of any material that supports your complaint (for example, statements, reports, letters, email correspondence, invoices, receipts, video or tape recordings) that you think may be relevant to your complaint. This can include material in a written, electronic or other format. You may be required to produce the original during an investigation.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND SIGNATURE

I, acknowledge and agree that:

- this complaint and any further information I provide to the ESC may be provided to the Respondent as part of the ESC's investigation;
- I am expected to keep this complaint and its subject matter confidential;
- I will cooperate with the ESC in its investigation of my complaint;
- I will provide the ESC with a statutory declaration setting out my complaint when required to do so;
- if under 18 years of age, the person named in section 6 of this complaint is my parent/guardian and has my permission to:
 - assist the ESC in investigating my complaint; and
 - disclose information to and receive information from the ESC on my behalf,

and the ESC has my permission to inform my parent/guardian of any matter relating to the investigation.

Signature:

Date: / / 20

6. ENDORSEMENT OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

This section must be completed by your parent or guardian if the complainant is under 18 years of age.

I,, of

.....,

am the parent/guardian of the Complainant. This complaint is being made with my knowledge. I acknowledge and agree that:

- this complaint and any further information I provide to the ESC may be provided to the Respondent as part of the ESC's investigation;
- I am expected to keep this complaint and its subject matter confidential;
- I have explained the matters set out in this form to the Complainant and believe he/she understands the significance of making a complaint and the matters set out in this document.
- I will cooperate with the ESC in its investigation of the complaint.

Signature:

Date: / / 20

FORWARD TO:

Episcopal Standards Commission
c/- General Synod Office
Anglican Church of Australia
Suite 2, Level 9
51 Druitt Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000