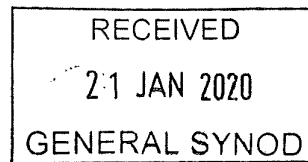


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Further Submission from the Rev'd Dr David Seccombe

I wish to comment on one section of the Primary Submissions of the Synod of the Diocese of Wangaratta to the Appellate Tribunal, namely that under the heading of Scripture (paragraphs 64-67).

In summary, the Diocese of Wangaratta submits that the Tribunal should ignore and leave aside the teaching of Holy Scripture, its reason being that there are different interpretations amongst scholars and practicing Anglicans.

I submit –

That it is because of such differences that the Tribunal is being asked to give its opinion.

That the grounds of its opinion is to be the consistency of the Wangaratta Synod's resolution with the teaching of Holy Scripture, Prayer Book, Constitution etc., the teaching of Scripture being primary.

That the interpretation of Prayer Book, Articles etc. has also been disputed, yet the Tribunal is being asked to form an opinion based on these.

That to ignore the teaching of Holy Scripture would be an abandonment of the Tribunal's responsibility.

That the teaching of Scripture on the matter in hand is straightforward and plain, there being many places in Old Testament and New where the issue of same-sex sexual relations is addressed, and in every case they are prohibited, and in no place anywhere in Scripture is there any other view expressed.

That to disallow consideration of Scripture's teaching on the issue in hand on the grounds of certain (recent) differing interpretations, which on inspection may prove to be misinterpretations and evasions, is tantamount to contempt of God's Word and commandments, such as we pray in the Litany: 'Good Lord, deliver us.'

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