



# Anglican Church of Australia

Primate: The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith

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## **A statement by the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia**

I have been advised by the Secretary to the Episcopal Standards Board of the Anglican Church of Australia that Keith Slater, the former Bishop of Grafton, has lodged an appeal against the determination made by the Episcopal Standards Board that he is unfit to remain in Holy Orders and should be deposed.

This appeal has been made in accordance with the relevant sections of the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017, and means that the outcome of the determination is stayed while the appeal is heard by the Review Board. The Review Board will be convened as soon as possible to consider the appeal.

While the appeal is part of ensuring procedural justice, I acknowledge that this will cause further frustration for those who have been impacted by these events and who must now wait for the review to be concluded.

The Anglican Church of Australia is committed to the safety of children and vulnerable people in its care and to ensuring that information concerning possible abuse is taken seriously and dealt with appropriately.

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