



STATEMENT FROM THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE

John Cleary has resigned from the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle by mutual agreement following a very demanding time for him and his family.

Bishop Peter Stuart said, "Throughout his employment, John Cleary successfully occupied various diverse and very demanding positions in the Diocese. He led a 25 member multi-disciplinary professional staff team.

John has been dedicated and diligent in uncovering child sexual abuse in the Diocese and in providing crucial support to survivors. John has spent over 4 years assisting the work of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. That has been extremely taxing on him and his family.

As Chief Executive Officer of the Newcastle Anglican Schools Corporation, John has worked diligently to ensure the financial sustainability of the four diocesan schools, with a combined turnover in excess of \$70 million, bringing his considerable banking experience to the re-organisation of school finances and lending arrangements.

As a result of his efforts, the Diocesan Offices are now located in a cost-effective modern business setting which will serve for many years to come.

He exercised a leading role in upgrading and restructuring the Anglican Savings and Development Fund of the Diocese growing it from \$7 million to over \$100 million.

He brought considerable skill and expertise to managing, selling and purchasing of multi-million dollar property assets, many of which were of a complex and/or sensitive nature.

As well as undertaking the tasks of business manager he has exercised an executive leadership role, similar to a company secretary and treasurer, offering governance, financial insight, organisation and administrative support to the diocese as well as numerous boards and committees.

John has offered valued service to the Diocese. We wish him well in his future endeavours."

Media Notes

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Bishop Greg Thompson is currently on leave from the Diocese.

Bishop Peter Stuart and Mr John Cleary will not be making further comment at this time.

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