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The Rev'd Canon Kenneth Kearon  
Secretary General  
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Dear Kenneth,

I attach the response of the Province of Australia to Section 4 of the Ridley-Cambridge Draft of the Anglican Covenant.

The response addresses some of the principles involved in Section 4 and proposes a slightly altered process for considering the effects of controversial actions on relationships between covenanting churches. These alterations reflect the concerns of the Province about the effect of Section 4 on existing Anglican polity.

Please convey my best wishes to the members of the working group as they collate the Provincial responses and prepare a final draft for presentation to the Standing Committee in December.

Yours in Christ,

The Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall  
Primate