

**DIOCESAN GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE 2008
AMENDING (WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK) ORDINANCE 2016
Ordinance 1 of 2016**

An Ordinance to amend the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 to conform to current requirements for child-related work.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS presently the provisions for the election of a Bishop are contained in Chapter 6 and the provisions for parish officers and ministry in parishes are contained in Chapter 10 of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 AND WHEREAS it is desirable to have the Ordinance amended to conform to the current requirements for child-related work THEREFORE the Bishop-in-Council in pursuance of powers provided in clause 48.2 of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 hereby decrees and enacts as follows:

AMENDMENTS

1. Clause 33.2 of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 is amended by replacing "and/or a Children's Commission Background Check (the criminal record check)" with "and a current Working with Children's Check".
2. Clause 77.2 is replaced with: "All members of the Parish Council shall hold a current 'Working with Children's Check' from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian. Those elected to, appointed to, or ex-officio members of Parish Council who do not hold a 'Working with Children's Check' at the time of their election, appointment or becoming otherwise qualified for membership of Parish Council shall have their membership held in abeyance until a 'Working with Children's Check' is obtained. In circumstances where three months has elapsed since election, appointment or becoming otherwise qualified and the potential member of Parish Council has not obtained a 'Working with Children's Check', their election or appointment will lapse and be cancelled and in the case of an ex-officio membership of Parish Council the election or appointment that created that status will be cancelled."
3. Subclause 78.1(o) is replaced with "to ensure any position with direct and unsupervised contact with children, or a position that is identified as working with children, is risk assessed and all who work (including volunteers) in such positions hold a current 'Working with Children's Check' from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian and comply with the Code of Conduct 'Faithfulness in Service'."
4. Clause 4 of the Fourth Schedule is amended by replacing "and/or a Children's Commission Background Check" with "and providing a current Working with Children's Check".
5. The tenth page of the Fifth Schedule is amended by replacing "AND/OR CHILDREN'S COMMISSION CHECK" in the heading with "AND WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK" and "<INSERT CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK OR CHILDREN'S COMMISSION CHECK>" in the final paragraph with "current criminal history check and Working with Children's Check"

SHORT TITLE

6. This Ordinance may be cited as the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 Amending (Working with Children's Check) Ordinance 2016

ASSENT

7. This Ordinance shall come into effect upon receiving the assent of the Bishop.

We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Bishop-in-Council on the Twenty-eighth day of January, 2016 and that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.




Chairman of Committees

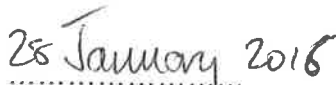


Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.



Bishop



Date