

**GRAFTON DIOCESAN GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE 2008
AMENDING ORDINANCE (BISHOP-IN-COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) 2015
Ordinance No. 11 of 2015**

An Ordinance to amend the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 with regard to the membership of Bishop-in-Council.

PREAMBLE

Whereas the provisions for membership of the Bishop-in-Council of the Diocese of Grafton are contained within Chapter 8 of the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008; and

Whereas it is desirable to have the Ordinance amended;

Therefore, the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton, assembled as the Synod, decree and enact as follows:

AMENDMENTS

1. Clause 49.3 of the subject Ordinance shall be replaced by the following.

The members of Bishop-in-Council are—

- (a) the Bishop;
 - (b) the ex officio members:
 - (i) the Archdeacons;
 - (ii) the Dean;
 - (iii) the Registrar;
 - (iv) the Diocesan Treasurer;
 - (v) the Chair of Committees; and
 - (vi) the Ministry Development Officer.
 - (c) Six Clerical members of Synod elected at the first session of each Synod by the House of Clergy;
 - (d) Six Lay members of Synod elected at the first session of each Synod by the House of Laity; and
 - (e) Up to three members qualified to be Synod Representatives (either clergy or laity) appointed by the Bishop at the Bishop's discretion.
2. Insert a new definition as clause 4.2A being "**Archdeacon** for the purpose of this Ordinance means a person licensed by the Bishop of Grafton to the role of Archdeacon but not including those given the title on an honorary basis".

COMMENCEMENT

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

The Ordinance coming into effect will have immediate effect on the ex officio membership of Bishop-in-Council as per subclause 49.3(b).

The Ordinance coming into effect shall not cause disqualification of any elected member of or regionally based appointments to Bishop-in-Council serving their current term.

The provisions relating to the elected members of Bishop-in-Council, including the regionally based appointments, shall take effect at the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton held in 2017 and, until that time, any casual vacancies in the elected membership of Bishop-in-Council shall be considered as if this Ordinance was not passed.

SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance may be cited as the Bishop-in-Council Membership Amending Ordinance 2015.

ASSENT

We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the 13th day of June, 2015 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