

# **CONSTITUTION OF A DIOCESE ALTERATION CANON 1995**

## **ADOPTING ORDINANCE 1997**

**No. 10 OF 1997**

### **AN ORDINANCE**

To adopt the 'Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995' being a General Synod Canon to prescribe a method of alteration of the constitution of a diocese.

#### **PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia should be adopted by the Diocese of Grafton.

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

#### **SHORT TITLE**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995, Adopting Ordinance 1996".

#### **ASSENT**

2. The Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 as set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby adopted.

#### **THE SCHEDULE**

##### **Canon No. 3, 1995**

**A Canon to prescribe a method of alteration of the constitution of a diocese.**

By virtue of the powers contained in section 50 of the Constitution, the General Synod prescribes as follows:

##### **Title**

- 1 This canon may be cited as the "Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995".

##### **Alteration of Constitution of a diocese**

- 2 Subject to the Constitution, the constitution of a diocese may be altered by an ordinance of the synod of that diocese provided that such ordinance:

(a) is passed by -

- (i) a majority of two-thirds of the members of the House of Laity of the Synod present and voting; and
- (ii) a majority of two-thirds of the members of the House of Clergy of the Synod present and voting -

at the same sitting of the Synod; and

- (b) is confirmed by resolution passed in like manner within 3 years at a subsequent sitting of the same Synod or at a sitting of a later Synod; and
- (c) is assented to in writing by the bishop.

**Date of alteration**

- 3 An alteration to the constitution of a diocese made in accordance with this canon shall take effect on and from the date on which it is assented to by the bishop or, if the ordinance provides for it to take effect on a later date, on that later date.

**Other means of alteration not affected**

- 4 This canon shall not prevent the constitution of a diocese from being altered in accordance therewith.

**Canon affects the order and good government of a diocese**

- 5 The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of the Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in any diocese unless and until the diocese by ordinance adopts the canon.

I certify that the bill as printed is in accordance with the bill as reported.

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D.J. BLEBY  
Chairman of Committees

We certify that this bill was passed by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia this 3rd day of July 1995.

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M.F. HORTON  
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B.J. GREAVES  
Secretaries of Synod

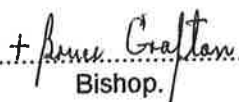
I hereby certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.

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Chairman of Committees

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod on the sixteenth day of August, 1997.

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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.

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Bishop.