

**The Grafton Bishopric and Administration Ordinance 1936 - 1986  
Amending Ordinance No. 2, 1996**

**No 10 of 1996**

**AN ORDINANCE**

To amend the Grafton Bishopric and Administration Ordinance 1936 - 1986 to provide for the limitation of the Tenure of the Bishop of Grafton.

**PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS it is desirable that the tenure of the Bishop of the See of Grafton should be limited in a manner similar to that which applies to Incumbents of Ecclesiastical districts within 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(a) This Ordinance shall be cited as "The Grafton Bishopric and Administration 1936 - 1986, Amending Ordinance No. 2 1996.
- 1(b) The Grafton Bishopric and Administration Ordinance 1936 - 1986 is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.
- 1(c) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance shall be cited as The Grafton Bishopric and Administration Ordinance 1936 - 1996.

**AMENDMENT**

2. Immediately following Section 14 the following Sections are inserted in the Principal Ordinance.

**TENURE OF THE BISHOP OF GRAFTON**

15. *The Tenure of the Bishop of Grafton shall be for a period of ten (10) years or for a period terminating on the Bishop's sixty fifth birthday whichever event shall occur first, or for such extended period or periods as may be determined from time to time by the Bishop's Tenure Review Committee as constituted under Section 17 of this Ordinance PROVIDED THAT in no event shall the Tenure of the Bishop extend beyond the Bishop attaining the age of 70 years.*
16. *Subject to Section 15 of this Ordinance during the last year of any period of the tenure of the Bishop, including any extension, the Bishop's Tenure Review Committee as constituted under Section 17 of this Ordinance shall meet to determine whether the tenure shall be extended by a further period not exceeding three years.*

The Bishop may, if he so desires, be present at and make submissions to the Committee before any determination is made but shall not be present at the time the determination is made.

17. A Bishop's Tenure Review Committee shall be established as follows:
  - The Metropolitan of the Province of New South Wales or his nominee. This nominee must be in Episcopal orders.
  - A person nominated by The Bishop of Grafton.
  - One Clergy person and one Lay person who will be elected by the First Session of the Synod of the Diocese held immediately prior to the conclusion of the Bishop's first ten years in office and then at each subsequent first session of the Synod.
  - The Metropolitan or his nominee shall be the Chairperson and shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote.

18. *Subject to Section 15 of this Ordinance* the Bishop's Tenure Review Committee shall have the authority, on behalf of the Synod, to extend the tenure of the Bishop by a further period not exceeding three years.

**ASSENT**

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 eighteenth day of August, 1996.

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Registrar



I assent to this Ordinance.

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Bishop

+ Bruce Grafton