

THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD COMMISSIONS ORDINANCE 2002

ASSENTING ORDINANCE 2004

An Ordinance to assent to the "Provincial Synod Commissions Ordinance 2002" being a Provincial Synod Ordinance to provide for the establishment of commissions to carry out the work of the Anglican Church of Australia throughout the Province of New South Wales.

The Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton assembled in Synod prescribe as follows:

1. This assenting Ordinance may be cited as the "Provincial Synod Commissions Ordinance 2002, Assenting Ordinance 2004.

ASSENT

2. The Provincial Synod Commissions Ordinance 2002 as set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby assented to.

SCHEDULE

PROVINCIAL SYNOD COMMISSIONS ORDINANCE 2002

An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of commissions to carry out the work of the Anglican Church of Australia throughout the Province of New South Wales.

The Provincial Synod of New South Wales ordains as follows:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Provincial Synod Commissions Ordinance 2002.
2. The Standing Committee may by resolution, after considering an application containing the information set out in the Schedule, establish a Commission or a Task Force by whatever name called to deal with any issue, project or task or to achieve a specific purpose in any area of the mission of this Church on a Provincial basis. Any such Commission or Task Force may be dissolved by resolution of the Provincial Synod or the Standing Committee.
3. The Members of the Commission or Task Force will be appointed by the Metropolitan on the recommendation of the Standing Committee or on the recommendation of such other persons as the Standing Committee may nominate. The Metropolitan may nominate the person to chair the Commission or Task Force or may permit the Commission or Task Force to nominate such person.
4. Commissions or Task Forces shall be appointed with such terms of reference and for such period and on such basis as the Standing Committee shall determine.
5. The following Commissions already established shall be deemed to be Commissions appointed under this Ordinance:

Provincial Education Commission	Provincial Welfare Commission
Provincial Media Commission	Provincial Youth Commission
6. The Provincial Registrar shall each year provisionally determine the funding available to each commission or task force for the next calendar year and shall lay the provisional determination before Standing Committee for adoption. The Standing Committee shall adopt or otherwise deal with that provisional determination so that there is a budget amount for each commission and task force for the ensuing calendar year.
7. The Provincial Synod may fix an assessment for each diocese to cover the costs and expenses of the commissions and task forces of Provincial Synod for the financial year following each meeting of Provincial Synod. The Standing Committee may fix the assessment for each succeeding financial year until Provincial Synod meets again, provided that Standing Committee shall not increase the assessment by more than 6 per cent over the assessment for the previous year.

8. Each diocese shall pay the assessment referred to in section 7 within sixty days of a notice to do so from the Registrar.
9. Each commission and task force shall not, except at its own expense, exceed its budget allocation in any year.
10. No commission or task force shall make any public statement orally or in writing on any issue unless the statement clearly and unambiguously says that it is merely the statement of the members of the commission or task force and does not necessarily represent the views of the Anglican Church of Australia.
11. Each Commission and Task Force shall use its best endeavours to ensure that its work co-ordinates the work of diocesan bodies and encourages co-operation and sharing between them, avoiding any duplication of effort.
12. The Provincial Welfare Commission is the agency of the Provincial Synod to provide a State Wide focus and to co-ordinate State-wide activities on Disaster Welfare responses, drought relief responses and Life After Prison activities.
13. The Provincial Synod endorses Anglicare NSW as its authorised agent to represent all the dioceses in the Province in relation to dealings with Government Agencies and all appropriate Non Government Organisations in matters related to those within the mandate of the Provincial Welfare Commission. However, it shall be competent for Anglicare NSW and the Provincial Welfare Commission, by agreement between them, to make other provision for such representation.

THE SCHEDULE

An application to the Standing Committee for the formation of a Commission or Task Force shall contain the following information:

- (a) a statement as to why the promoters say that it is expedient to deal with an issue or activity by means of the establishment of a State-wide body;
- (b) a statement of the proposed terms of reference of the Commission or Task Force;
- (c) a statement as to whether the proposed body is to be permanent or to exist only for a stated period;
- (d) the proposed number of members of the body and the basis for selecting the members;
- (e) the estimated cost of (i) establishing the body and (ii) operating the body for its first three years of operation;
- (f) how it is proposed that the Commission or Task Force be funded;
- (g) a statement that the proposal has been notified to the dioceses of the Province and that there has been consultation with the relevant diocesan officers and organisations that might be affected.

I CERTIFY that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

R Tong
Deputy Chairman of Committess

We certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by the Provincial Synod of the Province of New South Wales on 30 August 2002.

B J McAteer
M A Payne
Secretaries of Provincial 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 hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod on the 26th day of June, 2004.


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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.


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Bishop