

THE MATRIMONY (PROHIBITED RELATIONSHIPS) CANON 1981

ADOPTING ORDINANCE 1982

AN ORDINANCE

TO adopt the Matrimony (Prohibited Relationships) Canon 1981.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Matrimony (Prohibited Relationships) Canon 1981 of 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 Matrimony (Prohibited Relationships) Canon 1981 Adopting Ordinance 1982"

ADOPTION

2. The Matrimony (Prohibited Relationships) Canon 1981 set out in the schedule hereto is hereby adopted and shall apply within the Diocese of Grafton as an ordinance of the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton.

THE SCHEDULE

No. 15, 1981.

A CANON CONCERNING CANON 99 OF THE CANONS
ECCLESIASTICAL MADE IN THE YEAR 1603 AND THE
PROHIBITION OF THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY
BETWEEN PERSONS WITHIN CERTAIN PROHIBITED
RELATIONSHIPS.

WHEREAS certain Constitutions and Canons Ecclesiastical made in the year 1603 (hereinafter called "The canons of 1603") were published in England by lawful authority.

AND WHEREAS certain of the Canons of 1603 continue to apply to and to be in force in the several dioceses of The Anglican Church of Australia

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to repeal Canon 99 of the Canons of 1603 insofar as it applies to or is in force in the several dioceses of The Anglican Church of Australia and to prohibit the solemnization of matrimony between persons within certain prohibited relationships

NOW THEREFORE the General Synod prescribes as follows:-

1. This canon may be cited as the "Matrimony (Prohibited Relationships) Canon 1981".
2. In this canon unless the context otherwise requires:
"adopted" in relation to a child means adopted under the law of any place (whether in or outside Australia) relating to the adoption of children;
"minister" means a minister who on the nomination of this Church is authorized by the law of the Commonwealth of Australia to solemnize matrimony;
"prohibited relationship" means any relationship described in the Schedule as extended by Sections 5 and 6;
"the Canons of 1603" means the Constitution and Canons Ecclesiastical agreed upon by the Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury in the year of our Lord 1603 and known as the Canons of 1603.
3. The Canon numbered 99 included in the Canons of 1603 shall henceforth have no operation or effect in this Church.
4. A minister shall not solemnize matrimony between persons who are within a prohibited relationship.
5. A prohibited relationship shall include a relationship of the half-blood and a relationship traced through or to any person born of unmarried parents.