

GRAFTON DIOCESE ORDINANCE, 1910.

AN ORDINANCE

TO CREATE A NEW DIOCESE IN THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRST BISHOP THEREOF.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale be subdivided and that so much of such Diocese as is described in the Schedule hereto be severed therefrom and constituted a Diocese to be called the Diocese of Grafton: Be it therefore enacted by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale in Synod assembled as follows:—

1. From and after the Confirmation of the election of a duly qualified person in Episcopal orders or of the Confirmation and Consecration of a duly qualified person in the Holy Order of Priesthood as the case may be to be Bishop of Grafton all that portion of the State of New South Wales which is described and defined in the Schedule hereto shall become and be a separate Diocese to be called the Diocese of Grafton. Provided always that no such separate Diocese shall be created until the Metropolitan of the Province of New South Wales shall be satisfied that a sufficient endowment has been secured for the endowment of the See.

2. After the said Confirmation or Confirmation and Consecration as the case may be and until the installation of the First Bishop of Grafton the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale shall and may exercise in the Diocese of Grafton all the powers and authorities vested in him and his successors and if there shall be a vacancy in the See of Grafton and Armidale before such installation the person administering the affairs thereof shall during such vacancy perform all or any of such duties as he may lawfully perform within the said Diocese of Grafton as though this Ordinance had not been passed and shall as soon as conveniently may be after the arrival of such Bishop within the said Diocese take order for his installation in the Cathedral Church of Christ Church Grafton.

3. As soon as may be after sufficient endowment for the maintenance of the See has been secured the Bishop of Grafton and

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Armidale shall convene a meeting of the Clerical and Lay Representatives in Synod of the Parishes and Parochial Districts within the territory to be assigned to the new Diocese for the purpose of electing the Bishop of Grafton, at which meeting the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale shall preside and the procedure shall be that provided for in the Bishop's Appointment Ordinance 1887.

4. As soon as may be after such election the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale shall take the necessary steps for giving effect thereto in accordance with the rules for the Confirmation and Consecration of Bishops made by the General Synod of Australia and Tasmania on the 5th day of October 1905 and accepted and adopted by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale on the 10th day of May 1906 or with such other rules for the like purpose as may hereafter be made by any such General Synod and be adopted by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale.

5. When a Bishop of Grafton shall have been installed he shall have and may exercise within the limits of the Diocese of Grafton all the powers rights and authorities which a Bishop of the Church of England in New South Wales may lawfully exercise and shall be for all purposes the successor of the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale in such Diocese.

6. All Ordinances of Synod which shall be in force in the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale at the time of the installation of the first Bishop of Grafton shall be binding upon the Bishop, Clergy and Laity in the Diocese of Grafton so far as the same may be applicable to or be capable of being carried out within such Diocese until the same shall be revoked or altered by any Synod convened by the Bishop of the Diocese of Grafton in accordance with the provisions of the Act known as the Church of England Constitutions Act Amendment Act of 1902 or of any Ordinance passed by the Synod of Grafton and Armidale under the authority thereof.

7. Subject to due observance of specific trusts, all arrangements with regard to property shall be made previous to division by a Committee elected by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale and composed of an equal number of representatives from each of the two divisions into which the said Diocese is to be divided, and such arrangements shall be final.

8. The Bishop of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale shall with the consent of the Metropolitan transfer to the first Bishop of Grafton such part of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale as shall have been assigned to the new See.

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9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained the new Diocese shall be formed in accordance with the Rules for the Formation of New Dioceses in Australia and Tasmania made by the General Synod the 13th day of October 1876 and accepted and adopted by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale the 29th day of April 1902.

10. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Grafton Diocese Ordinance" 1910.

SCHEDULE.

Commencing at Tweed Heads, thence along the Queensland Border to the Western Boundary of the County of Rous thence along the Western Boundary of the said County to its junction with the County Richmond thence along the Western Boundary of the County Richmond to Deadman Creek, along that Creek in a Westerly direction to Dulgigin Creek to the Boundary of the Parish of Alice, thence in a South-Westerly direction to the junction of the Parish of Alice with that of Hamilton, along the Southern boundary of Hamilton to its junction with that of Hong Kong, thence along the Western Boundary of Hamilton to its junction with the Timbarra River, thence along the said River in a South-Westerly direction to its junction with the Boundary of the County Drake, thence along the Western Boundary of the said County to its junction with the Mitchell River, thence along the said River to Newton Boyd, thence along the Western Boundary of the County Gresham to its junction with the County Fitzroy, thence along the Western Boundary of the said County to the Northern Boundaries of the Parish of Marengo, thence along the Northern Boundaries of the Parishes of Marengo and Brown, thence Southward along the Western Boundary of the Parishes of Brown and Falls to the Parish of Doughboy, thence Westward to the Doughboy Mountains, along the said Mountains to the Parish of Serpentine, thence along the Western Boundaries of the Parishes of Serpentine and Gunnawarra, thence along the Southern Boundary of Gunnawarra to the Western Boundary County Dudley, thence along the Western Boundary of the said County to its junction with County Macquarie, thence along the Western Boundary of the said County Macquarie to the Northern Boundary of the County of Hawes thence along the said Boundary of the County Hawes to its junction with the Northern Boundary of the Diocese of Newcastle, thence along the said Boundary of the Diocese of Newcastle to the South Pacific Ocean, thence Northwards to Tweed Heads.