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1914. No. 13.

## Preamble.

Whereas it is desirable to consolidate and amend the law relating to the creation, definition and alteration of Parishes and Parochial Districts in the Diocese of Grafton: Be it therefore ordained by the Synod of the said Diocese as follows, that is to say:—

## Divisions Recognised in Diocese.

1. The Diocese of Grafton shall be divided into Parishes and Parochial Districts in manner hereinafter defined.

## Definition of Parish.

2. A Parish shall mean such a portion of the Diocese as the Bishop-in-Council may hereafter declare to be a Parish and also each of those portions of the Diocese enumerated in the schedule to this ordinance, and already declared a Parish. Provided that no portion of the Diocese shall hereafter be declared a Parish until it shall possess a duly licensed Church and a Vicarage, and shall undertake to provide a minimum stipend of £200 per annum for the Vicar provided also that any Parish which fails to fulfil these conditions may be reduced by the Bishop-in-Council to the status of a Parochial District. The Priest-in-Charge of a Parish already declared or hereafter to be declared shall be styled Vicar.

## Definition of Parochial District.

3. A Parochial District shall mean such a portion of the Diocese as is not included in the bounds of any Parish, but which is under the charge of a clerk in holy orders duly licensed thereto by the Bishop, or which is under the charge of an Archdeacon.

4. Any Clerk in Priest's orders licensed to a Parochial District shall be styled Clerk-in-charge of the Parochial District.

## Designation of Parish or Parochial District.

5. The official designation of each Parish or Parochial District shall be determined by the Bishop-in-Council, and may from time to time be altered by his authority.

## Delimitation of Parishes.

6. Upon the passing of this Ordinance it shall be the duty of the Bishop-in-Council so soon as conveniently may be, by instruments in writing under the Bishop's hand and seal, accom-

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panied by maps or plans to be referred to therein, to declare, by such words of description as to him may seem meet, the boundaries of such portions of the Diocese as are enumerated as Parishes in the Schedule to this Ordinance, which instruments with the said maps or plans shall be preserved in the Registry of the Diocese, and shall be taken and deemed to be conclusive evidence of the boundaries of such Parishes.

**Delimitation of Parochial Districts—Creation of Parochial District into Parish.**

7. The boundaries of a Parochial District shall be from time to time approximately defined by the Bishop. And it shall be lawful for the Parochial District, upon compliance with the requirements of Clause two of this Ordinance, to petition the Bishop-in-Council, through the Archdeacon or other clerk in charge, and the lay office-bearers of the Parochial District, to declare the Parochial District or any part thereof to be a parish. And if such Parochial District, be declared a Parish, the Bishop-in-Council shall define and register its boundaries as hereinbefore provided.

**Method of Altering Boundaries.**

8. It shall be lawful for the Bishop-in-Council from time to time to alter the boundaries of any Parish, or to unite adjoining Parishes, or to divide a Parish into separate Parishes. Provided always that before any such alteration, union or division be made, particulars thereof shall be forwarded to the Vicar and Parochial Council of such Parish or Parishes as may be concerned for their opinion, and shall be laid before the Synod, and it shall be lawful for the said Synod within six days after the same shall have been laid before it, to present an address to the Bishop requesting him to disallow such alteration, union or division. Provided also that upon division of a Parish the Parochial Council of such Parish shall remain liable for all Diocesan Assessments, Collections for Diocesan Funds and other Diocesan Payments which may be due at the time of such division.

**Evidence of Boundaries.**

9. A copy of or extract from any such declaration, map or plan as aforesaid shall be furnished by the Registrar of the Diocese to any person or persons requiring the same upon payment of such fee as may be prescribed by authority, and any such copy certified as correct by the Registrar shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the matter therein contained.

**Intrusion on Defined Parish or District to be a Breach of Discipline.**

10. When a Parish or Parochial District has been defined, if

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any clerk not holding the Bishop's License thereto shall, without the consent of the Vicar, Archdeacon or other Clerk in charge of the said Parish or Parochial District, hold any public service or perform any other clerical office within the boundaries thereof, the clerk in charge may report the matter to the Bishop, and the Bishop may if he thinks fit inhibit the intruding clerk from officiating without the consent aforesaid, and breach of the Bishop's inhibition shall be a breach of discipline under the provisions of the Ecclesiastical Discipline Ordinance, 1914.

**Short Title.**

11. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Parishes Definition Ordinance, 1914."

**SCHEDULE.**

Alstonville.	Eureka.
Ballina.	Grafton.
Bangalow.	Kempsey.
Bellinger.	Lismore.
Byron Bay.	Lower Clarence.
Casino.	Mid-Clarence.
Coffs Harbour.	Mulhumbimby.
Copmanhurst.	Murwillumbah.

I assent to the above Ordinance

22nd June, 1914.

CECIL H. GRAFTON.