

**DIOCESAN GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE 2008 AMENDING ORDINANCE  
(CHAPTER 7 SYNOD) 2020  
Ordinance No. 9 of 2020**

An Ordinance to amend the Diocesan Governance Ordinance regarding the election of representatives of the Diocese of Grafton to the Provincial Synod and the General Synod and declarations made by members of the Synod.

**PREAMBLE**

**Whereas** the composition, powers and calling of Synods in the Diocese of Grafton are detailed in the Chapter 7 of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008; and

**Whereas** it is appropriate to specify the method of determining the representation of the Diocese of Grafton to each of the Provincial Synod and the General Synod;

**Therefore**, the Bishop-in-Council in pursuance of powers provided in clause 48.2 of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 hereby decrees and enacts as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

1. Insert new clauses as follows immediately following clause 43.8 of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008.

**“General Synod Representation**

- 44.1 At the first session of a term of synod, an election shall be held to elect two clergy and two lay persons to be representatives from the Diocese to the General Synod in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church of Australia.
- 44.2 The clergy representatives and the lay representatives elected under clause 44.1 are to be members of the Synod of the Diocese and elected by members of their respective Houses.
- 44.3 Those elected under clause 44.1 shall hold office until the first session of the next term of synod, except if they resign or become otherwise disqualified as a member of either the Synod of the Diocese or the General Synod;
- 44.4 In the event that the representation of the Diocese at the General Synod increases or decreases, the Bishop-in-Council shall be given the powers and responsibility to determine who is removed from or who is added to those elected under clause 44.1.

**Provincial Synod Representation**

- 44.5 At the first session of a term of synod, an election shall be held to elect one clergy and one lay person to be representatives from the Diocese to the Provincial Synod in accordance with the Constitution and Ordinances of the Anglican Church of Australia of the Province of New South Wales.
- 44.6 The clergy representative and the lay representative elected under clause 44.5 are to be members of the Synod of the Diocese and elected by members of their respective Houses.

44.7 Those elected under clause 44.5 shall hold office until the first session of the next term of synod, except if they resign or become otherwise disqualified as a member of either the Synod of the Diocese or the Provincial Synod;

44.8 In the event that the representation of the Diocese at the Provincial Synod increases, the Bishop-in-Council shall be given the powers and responsibility to determine who is added to those elected under clause 44.5."

2. Insert a new clause as follows immediately following clause 43.6 of the Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008.

"43.7 The member of Synod, as soon as practicable following their appointment, qualification or election under sub clauses 43.2 (b) to (e) inclusive and sub clauses 43.2 (i) to (m) inclusive, shall sign and date a declaration that:

"I the undersigned (full name and address) do declare that I am a communicant member of the Anglican Church of Australia and will endeavour to faithfully perform the duties of a member of Synod to the best of my ability and will conform to the Ordinances and Standing Orders of the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton relating to this office."

43.8 A member of Synod appointed qualified under subclause 43.2 (h) and eligible for voting rights as per clause 43.3, shall sign and date the declaration in clause 43.7."

3. Renumber existing clauses 43.7 and 43.8 as 43.9 and 43.10 respectively.

**COMMENCEMENT**

4. This Ordinance shall come into effect upon the assent of the Bishop.

**SHORT TITLE**

5. This Ordinance may be cited as the Synod Amending Ordinance 2020.

**ASSENT**


We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Bishop-in-Council on the Sixteenth day of July, 2020 and that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.

  
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Chair of Committees

  
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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.

  
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Bishop

  
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Date