

REDRESS COMMITMENTS (LEVY) ORDINANCE 2021
Ordinance No. 18 of 2021

An Ordinance to provide the Diocese of Grafton with funds to meet its financial commitments arising from claims of abuse involving the Diocese of Grafton.

PREAMBLE

- A. The Bishop-in-Council recognises that the Diocese of Grafton has a history that includes instances of abuse, including sexual abuse of children while in the care of the Diocese.
- B. The Diocese's leadership has publicly recognised and apologised for this abuse.
- C. The Diocese has made legal and financial settlement, including provision of counselling and personally delivered apologies, for claims of abuse that occurred while individuals were in the care of the Diocese.
- D. The Corporate Trustees are trustees of the Diocesan Financial Challenge Trust created to receive funds which are to be used for the purpose of settling claims of abuse and meeting associated costs.
- E. The Diocese has unfunded liabilities arising from settled abuse claims and claims for which a settlement is currently being negotiated.
- F. There is a reasonable expectation that there will be further abuse claims.
- G. The Diocese, on the basis of an actuarial assessment of the likely financial commitment arising from future abuse claims, expects that the financial commitment arising from abuse claims will significantly exceed the funds currently held at the discretion of the Bishop-in-Council for the Diocese.
- H. By reason of the circumstances recited in A to G above, the Bishop-in-Council considers it expedient to impose levies on parishes of the Diocese of Grafton.
- I. In determining the amount of the levies imposed on parishes, the Bishop-in-Council has taken into account the relative financial capacity of each parish and the other ways in which each parish has made a contribution to meeting the Diocese's financial commitment arising from abuse claims.

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

LEVIES

- 1. Each parish named in the First Schedule is to pay a levy as set out in that Schedule by 31 July 2021.
- 2. Each parish named in the Second Schedule is to pay a levy as set out in that Schedule by 12 equal quarterly instalments with such to be paid by 1 January, 1 April, 1 July, and 1 October in each of the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.
- 3. All levies are to be paid to the Diocesan Financial Challenge Trust.
- 4. If a parish fails for any reason to pay any instalment for a period of three months after the due date, the Registrar of the Diocese is to confer with the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the parish with a view to finding a solution to the situation that has meant that the

instalment or instalments have not been paid and is to report the results of such consultation to the Bishop-in-Council.

5. In any case where:
 - (a) two or more parishes amalgamate;
 - (b) a parish is dissolved; or
 - (c) the area of a parish is changed,

the Bishop-in-Council may provide such relief from the levy instalments as it considers fair in all the circumstances.

6. The Bishop-in-Council may enter into an arrangement with a parish for payment of accumulated arrears of levy instalments over a period of time.
7. The Bishop-Council may waive the whole or any part of the arrears of levy instalments owing by any parish if it declares by resolution that there are circumstances which in its opinion make it expedient to do so.

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8. This Ordinance may be cited as the Redress Commitments (Levy) Ordinance 2021.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Parish	Amount
Alstonville	\$20,000
Casino	\$20,000
Coffs Harbour	\$10,000
Dorrigo	\$5,000
Kingscliff	\$5,000
Kyogle	\$5,000
Lismore	\$20,000
Mid Richmond	\$20,000
Northern Beaches Anglicans	\$20,000
Orara Valley	\$5,000
Port Macquarie	\$20,000
Sawtell-Bonville	\$4,000
Tweed Heads	\$20,000

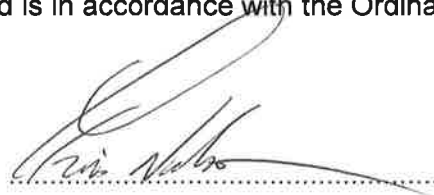
SECOND SCHEDULE

Parish	Amount
Casino	\$20,000
Coffs Harbour	\$40,000
Kyogle	\$12,000
Lower Macleay	\$6,000
Northern Beaches Anglicans	\$42,000
Orara Valley	\$6,000
South Grafton	\$25,000

We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Bishop-in-Council on the Twenty-fourth day of June, 2021 and that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.



Chair of Committees



Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.



Bishop



Date