

**CLERGY DISCIPLINE ORDINANCE 1966 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023**  
**Ordinance No. 13 of 2023**

An Ordinance to amend the Clergy Discipline Ordinance 1966 to include offences added to the Offences Canon 1962 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

**PREAMBLE**

**Whereas** the arrangements for a diocesan tribunal to consider offences committed by clergy are contained within the Clergy Discipline Ordinance 1966; and

**Whereas** it is desirable to broaden the definition of an offence in this Ordinance;

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

**AMENDMENTS**

That the Clergy Discipline Ordinance 1966 be amended as follows:

1. The definition of offence be replaced by the following:

“**offence**” means any offence listed in section 1 of the Offences Canon 1962 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia or any offence punishable by law being a malum in se.”

2. Amend Part II Section 5(2) by replacing the words “after that offence has been committed” with “after the latter of the offence being committed or the offence being known to any one of the Bishop, Professional Standards Director or Registrar.”

**COMMENCEMENT**

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

**SHORT TITLE**

This Ordinance may be cited as the Clergy Discipline Amending Ordinance 2023.

**ASSENT**

We hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Bishop-in-Council on the Twenty-seventh day of July, 2023 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