

General Synod – New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ratification Canon 2015 Assenting Ordinance 2015

No 41, 2015

Long Title

An Ordinance to assent to a bill for a canon pursuant to section 28A of the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia to ratify amendments to the Constitution of the Province of New South Wales.

The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name

This Ordinance is the General Synod – New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ratification Canon 2015 Assenting Ordinance 2015.

2. Assent to Bill No 01, 2015

The Standing Committee, pursuant to the delegation of power in clause 5(1)(e) of the Delegation of Powers Ordinance 1998, assents to Bill No 01, 2015 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, the text of which is set out in the Schedule.

Schedule

Whereas

- A. By section 41 of the Constitution alterations to the constitution of a Province shall not take effect until ratified by Canon of General Synod.
- B. The Provincial Synod of New South Wales passed the Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011 in the form of the Schedule to this Canon and that Ordinance has been adopted by all the Diocesan Synods in New South Wales.
- C. Ratification by the General Synod is now needed for the amendments to take effect.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This Canon may be cited as the “New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ratification Canon 2015”.
2. This Canon comes into effect on the date provided for in section 28A(2) of the Constitution.
3. The amendments made to the provisions of the Schedule to the Provincial Synod Constitution Ordinance 1907-1970 by the Ordinance of the Provincial Synod of New South Wales known as the “Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011” are ratified.

SCHEDULE

PROVINCIAL SYNOD CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2011

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Schedule to the Provincial Synod Constitution Ordinance 1907-1970.

WHEREAS

- A. For many years past, the Provincial Synod of New South Wales has had little legislative work,
- B. It is costly to hold Provincial Synod meetings with a large gathering,
- C. It is expedient to reduce the size of Provincial Synod,

NOW the Synod of the Province of New South Wales ordains as follows:

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1. This ordinance may be cited as “Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011”.
2. In accordance with s 41 of the Schedule to the Anglican Church of Australia Act 1961, the amendments in 3 shall come into effect upon ratification by canon of the General Synod provided each of the dioceses of the Province has passed an assenting ordinance.
3. The Schedule to the Provincial Synod Constitution Ordinance 1907-1970 is amended as follows:

- a. Clause 2 is repealed and the following substituted:

“To consist of three houses

2. The Provincial Synod shall consist of three Houses, namely the House of Bishops, the House of Clergy and the House of Laity. The three Houses shall sit together in full Synod and shall deliberate and transact business therein and shall vote together unless a vote by Houses is required by not less than three members of the House of Bishops or by five members of the House of Clergy or by five members of the House of Laity.

In the event of a vote by Houses being required, all questions shall be put first to the House of Laity, then to the House of Clergy and finally to the House of Bishops and no question shall be deemed to be resolved in the affirmative by Provincial Synod unless it is so resolved by a vote of the majority of those present in each of the three Houses.

A House by a majority of its own members voting may decide to consider separately any matter in debate whereupon further discussion of the matter shall be postponed until there has been an opportunity of separate consideration.”

- b. Clause 3 is repealed and the following substituted:

“Representatives of Dioceses

3. The Diocese of Sydney shall be entitled to send to any future Synod five clerical and five lay representatives.

The Diocese of Newcastle shall be entitled to send two representatives of each order as aforesaid.

The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn shall be entitled to send two representatives of each order as aforesaid.

The Diocese of Armidale shall be entitled to send one representative of each order as aforesaid.

The Diocese of Bathurst shall be entitled to send one representative of each order as aforesaid.

The Diocese of Grafton shall be entitled to send one representative of each order as aforesaid.

The Diocese of Riverina shall be entitled to send one representative of each order as aforesaid.”

- c. Clause 12 is repealed and the following substituted:

“Quorum

12. The presence of at least three bishops of the House of Bishops and seven clerical representatives of the House of Clergy and seven lay representatives of the House of Laity representing at least two Dioceses shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.”

- d. Insert the following as a new Clause 15 –

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“Provincial Conferences

15. The Metropolitan or the Metropolitan at the request of 3 other Diocesan Bishops, may convene a Provincial Conference. All members of the synod will be invited together with such other persons as each Diocesan Bishop may invite. The business of the Conference will be determined by the Metropolitan in consultation with the other Diocesan Bishops.”

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I Certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

PETER YOUNG
Deputy Chair of Committees

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 16 November 2015.

R WICKS
Secretary

I Assent to this Ordinance.

GN DAVIES
Archbishop of Sydney
18/11/2015