

Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011 Assenting Ordinance 2011

No 41, 2011

Long Title

An ordinance to assent to the Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011 of the Provincial Synod of the Province of New South Wales.

Preamble

A. The Provincial Synod of the Province of New South Wales has passed the Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011, the text of which is set out in the Schedule.

B. It is expedient to assent to that Ordinance.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name

This Ordinance is the Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011 Assenting Ordinance 2011.

2. Assent to Ordinance

The Diocese of Sydney assents to the Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011.

Schedule

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:

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 have passed an assenting ordinance.
3. The Schedule to the Provincial Synod Constitution Ordinance 1907-1970 is amended as follows:

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- a. Clause 2 is repealed and the following substituted: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

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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 representative 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 –

‘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.”

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

PG KELL
Chairman of Committees

We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 17 October 2011.

CJ MORONEY
R WICKS
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

PETER F JENSEN
Archbishop of Sydney
18/10/2011