

## **Proposal to change the status of the Provisional Parish of Quakers Hill to a Parish**

(A report from the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

### **Initiation of proposal**

1. A proposal was made to the archbishop by the Minister and Churchwardens of the Provisional parish of Quakers Hill under clause 4(1)(b) of the Parishes Ordinance.

### **Details of Meeting**

2. A meeting of the Western Sydney Regional Council was held on 16 August 2001 to consider the proposal under Clause 5 of the Ordinance.

3. Western Sydney Regional Council certified that all procedural requirements under clause 4 and 6 have been complied with.

### **Proposal**

4. The proposal is to change the Provisional Parish of Quakers Hill to the Parish of Quakers Hill.

### **Parish Information**

5. The Assisted Provisional Parish of Quakers Hill was created in 1991, and it became a Provisional Parish in 1996.

6. There has been steady growth in numbers attending and there is a range of ministries to different groups of people.

7. In the 1996 census profile, the Provisional Parish has a population of 21,937, of which 4584 (21%) claim affiliation with the Anglican Church. 2508 (11.5%) claimed No Religion, and a further 1340 (6.1%) did not state a religion. The largest group outside Christian religions was 400 (Hinduism). There has been substantial growth in new housing in the past few years, and it is likely that these figures will be almost doubled in the 2001 census.

8. The Provisional Parish employs two full-time clergy, and one part-time clergyman.

9. the Provisional Parish now has an average attendance of 194 adults as follows -

8.30 am	23
10.00 am	118
7.00 pm	53

10. Ministry amongst youth averages 25 each week. There are regularly 60 children at Kids' Church on Sunday mornings. CEBS averages 35 boys and GFS averages 85 girls. SRE is taught in cooperation with other Protestant Churches, with the Provisional

Parish taking particular responsibility for one of the Primary Schools in the area.

**Particulars of Church Trust Property**

11. Summary of Consolidated Receipts and Payments -

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Budget 2001</b>
Offeratories	136,204	130,891	143,611	134,378	173,244
Missions	1,637	2,059	4,060	7,580	3,500
Rent/Interest	2,391	3,743	1,899	1,094	1,200
Donations				7,000	
Investments					
Grants	11,480	9,000	11,480	10,250	9,000
GST Refunds				2,318	
Other receipts	16,428	18,102	21,731	43,537	3,650
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,660</b>	<b>166,275</b>	<b>181,551</b>	<b>204,907</b>	<b>181,594</b>

**Expenditure**

Stipends/Salaries	103,107	74,155	82,089	115,755	122,503
Cost Recovery	4,975	7,218	8,239	13,427	14,991
Printing & Stationery	16,218	12,404	6,588	4,997	7,500
Repairs & Maintenance	2,132	12,825	11,129	6,044	10,000
Insurance	805	502	502		
Electricity, etc	5,548	5,472	8,371	6,486	9,000
Missions	7,259	8,803	12,290	8,095	7,500
Other	26,473	30,745	37,807	49,310	17,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,517</b>	<b>152,124</b>	<b>167,015</b>	<b>204,114</b>	<b>188,594</b>

12. Property held in trust by the Church Property Trust for the Provisional Parish of Quakers Hill is comprised of -

Church/Hall complex (1993)	\$1,086,000	Good
Rectory	\$101,000	Good
Cottage (used as hall)	\$164,000	Fair

13. The Provisional Parish is repaying a loan to the Finance and Loans Board. The current balance is approximately \$98,000 and the Provisional Parish has the capacity to meet this obligation and is currently in advance.

14. The loan covering the purchase of land from the New sites Committee has been forgiven.

15. Archdeacon Ken Allen supports this application.

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**Recommendation**

16. The Western Sydney Regional Council recommends that the Provisional Parish of Quakers Hill become a Parish from 1 January 2002.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council

KEN ALLEN  
*Archdeacon of Western Sydney*

21 August 2001