

# Regions (Mission Areas) Amendment Ordinance 2013

No 45, 2013

## Long Title

An Ordinance to constitute regional councils by reference to Mission Areas rather than area deaneries and for related purposes.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

### 1. Name

This Ordinance is the Regions (Mission Areas) Amendment Ordinance 2013.

### 2. Amendment of the Regions Ordinance 1995

The Regions Ordinance 1995 is amended as follows –

- (a) omit each reference to “an area deanery” and “area deanery” and insert instead “a Mission Area” and “Mission Area” respectively, and
- (b) in clause 2(1) –
  - (i) omit the definition for “parochial unit” and insert instead the following –

“parish” means a parish or provisional parish recognised under the Parishes Ordinance 1979 or a recognised church or provisional recognised church under the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000.’, and
  - (ii) in the definition for “Regional Electors” –
    - (A) omit the words “and the Regional Archdeacon”, and
    - (B) omit both references to “parochial unit” and insert instead “parish”, and
- (c) in clause 2(2) –
  - (i) omit the word “church” in paragraph (a) and insert instead the word “parish”, and
  - (ii) omit the words “parochial unit” in paragraph (b) and insert instead the word “parish”, and
- (d) omit clauses 2(3) and (4) and insert instead the following –

“(3) In this ordinance a Mission Area is in a Region if a majority of it lies in the Region.

“(4) Other words and expressions used in this Ordinance have the meanings prescribed by the Interpretation Ordinance 1985.”, and
- (e) omit clause 4(1) and insert instead the following –

“(1) A Regional Council consists of –

  - (a) the Regional Bishop;
  - (b) 1 lay person from each Mission Area in the Region elected by the Regional Electors of that Region;
  - (c) 1 minister from each Mission Area in the Region elected by the Regional Electors of that Region; and
  - (d) if the total number of persons that may be elected under paragraphs (b) and (c) is less than 12, such additional persons appointed by the Regional Council as would bring to 12 the total number of persons who may be elected or appointed under paragraphs (b), (c) and (d).”, and
  - (f) insert a new clause 4(2A) as follows –

“(2A) Any additional persons appointed under paragraph 1(d) should comprise both lay persons and ministers from Mission Areas in the Region.”
  - (g) in clauses 4(2) and (4) omit the matter “(c), (d) and (e)” and insert instead the matter “(b) and (c)”, and

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- (h) in clause 5(1) omit the matter “(c), (d) or (e)” and insert instead the matter “(b) or (c)”, and
- (i) in clause 5(1A) omit the matter “4(1)(f)” and insert instead the matter “4(1)(d)”, and
- (j) omit clause 7 and insert instead the following –
  - “7. A Regional Council may exercise functions given to it by any ordinance, including –
    - (a) the Nomination Ordinance 2006; and
    - (b) the Ordinance Procedure Ordinance 1973;
    - (c) the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008;
    - (d) the Parishes Ordinance 1979;
    - (e) the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000; and
    - (f) the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897.”, and
- (k) omit clause 8(2) and insert instead –
  - “(2) A Regional Council must only invest church trust property it holds in accordance with the Investment of Church Trust Property Ordinance 1990.”, and
- (l) in clause 8(3) omit the words “Archbishop’s Appeals Unit” and insert instead “Archbishop of Sydney’s Anglican Aid”.

### **3. Amendment of the Synod Elections Ordinance 2000**

The Schedule to the Synod Elections Ordinance 2000 is amended by omitting rule 8.1.

### **4. Amendment of the Interpretation Ordinance 1985**

The Interpretation Ordinance 1985 is amended by inserting in the Schedule in alphabetical order the following definition –

“Mission Area” means a group of parishes designated from time to time by the Archbishop as a Mission Area.’

### **5. Repeal of the Area Deanery Conference Ordinance 1965**

The Area Deanery Conference Ordinance 1965 is repealed.

### **6. Commencement**

Clauses 2 to 5 of this Ordinance commence on the first day of the first ordinary session of the 50<sup>th</sup> Synod in 2014.

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

K SOWADA  
Deputy Chairman of Committees

We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 16 October 2013.

CJ MORONEY  
R WICKS  
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

GN DAVIES  
Archbishop of Sydney  
17/10/2013