

Proposal to change the status of the Provisional Parish of Seven Hills 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 Seven Hills under clause 4(1)(b) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

Details of meeting

2. A meeting of the Western Sydney Regional Council held on 21 June 2001 considered the proposal under clause 5 of the Ordinance.

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

Proposal

4. The proposal is to change the Provisional Parish of Seven Hills to the Parish of Seven Hills.

5. The Provisional Parish has applied following the growth in membership and ministry in the Seven Hills area.

Parish Information

6. There has been a sustained growth in the numbers attending and a further full-time lay stipendiary worker has been employed.

7. In the 1996 NCLS profile a total of 3,123 persons out of 14,843 persons claim affiliation with the Anglican Church (21.1%), 1368 or (9.2%) claim no religion and a further 902 (6.1%) did not state a religion. The largest group outside Christian Religions was 500 (3.4%) Muslim. 56.1% of the total population are married and 68.4% purchasing a private dwelling.

8. The Provisional Parish employs a full-time lay stipendiary pastoral worker following a period as a part-time worker.

9. The Provisional Parish now has 135 adults regularly attending as follows -

9:00 am	65
10:30 am	35
6:30 pm	35

10. Ministry amongst youth averages 25 each week and 16 attend Kids' Club on Fridays. Scripture in schools is carried out regularly.

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Particulars of church trust property

11. Summary of consolidated receipts and payments -

	1997	1998	1999	2000	Budget 2001
Receipts					
Offeratories	98,349	91,680	91,875	112,930	127,920
Missions	-	-	-	45	-
Rent/Interest	6,793	2,328	3,702	2,998	1,600
Donations	20	-	-	617	-
Investments	-	5,346	7,000	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
GST Refunds	-	-	-	650	-
Other Receipts	-	839	9,884	3,485	-
Total	\$105,162	\$100,193	\$112,461	\$120,725	\$129,520
Expenditure					
Stipends/Salaries	76,615	62,235	61,583	68,853	85,522
Cost Recovery	4,975	4,948	5,440	5,173	6,340
Printing & Stationery	4,107	4,012	4,941	4,390	5,600
Repairs & Maintenance	774	3,086	5,824	4,181	4,000
Insurance	334	138	220	206	400
Electricity, etc	3,195	3,130	2,979	3,228	3,600
Missions	6,600	8,850	9,912	5,475	5,600
Other	10,042	18,086	22,084	18,746	18,458
Total	\$106,642	\$104,485	\$112,983	\$110,252	\$129,520

12. Property held in trust by the Property Trust for Seven Hills parish is comprised of -

	\$
Church and Hall (c. 1964)	551,000
Contents	287,000
Transportable Buildings	35,000
Rectory	192,000
Total Assets	1,065,000

13. This does not include the value of land on which the property is located. The condition of all buildings is good.

14. There are no debts.

15. Archdeacon Ken Allen supports this application.

Recommendation

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

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council

KEN ALLEN
Archdeacon of Western Sydney

20 July 2001