

Consecration of the Archbishop of Sydney Ordinance 2021

Explanatory Statement

1. The *General Synod 1966 Consecration of Bishops Canon* (the **1966 Canon**) was adopted by this diocese by Ordinance No 42 of 1970. The 1966 Canon provides for the Metropolitan to be the 'chief consecrator' at consecrations of bishops in the province. If there is a vacancy in the office of Metropolitan, then under this Canon the 'acting Metropolitan' performs that function. The acting Metropolitan is the next senior diocesan bishop in the province.
2. As this diocese has not adopted the *General Synod Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992*, and because there may be other circumstances where the acting Metropolitan should not conduct the consecration for other reasons, provision needs to be made for the situation where an acting Metropolitan is either not able to be, or it is desirable that they are not, the 'chief consecrator' to consecrate a new Archbishop.
3. This ordinance excludes the operation of the 1966 Canon and makes alternative provisions.
4. By way of information, the Diocese of North West Australia has already acted in this way.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee.

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Diocesan Secretary

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