

# **General Synod – Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2003**

No 51, 2003

An ordinance to adopt Canon No 3, 1995 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

## **1. Name of Ordinance**

This ordinance is the General Synod – Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2003.

## **2. Assent to Canon No 3, 1995**

The Synod adopts Canon No 3, 1995 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, the text of which is set out in the Schedule.

### **Schedule**

A Canon to prescribe a method of alteration of the constitution of a diocese.

By virtue of the powers contained in section 50 of the Constitution, the General Synod prescribes as follows -

#### **Title**

1. This canon may be cited as the “Constitution of a Diocese Alteration Canon 1995”.

#### **Alteration of Constitution of a diocese**

2. Subject to the Constitution, the constitution of a diocese may be altered by an ordinance of the synod of that diocese provided that such ordinance -

- (a) is passed by -
  - (i) a majority of two-thirds of the members of the House of Laity of the Synod present and voting; and
  - (ii) a majority of two-thirds of the members of the House of Clergy of the Synod present and voting -  
at the same sitting of the Synod; and
- (b) is confirmed by resolution passed in like manner within 3 years at a subsequent sitting of the same Synod or at a sitting of a later Synod; and
- (c) is assented to in writing by the bishop.

#### **Date of alteration**

3. An alteration to the constitution of a diocese made in accordance

**GS – Constitution of a Diocese Alteration...Adopt Ord**

with this canon shall take effect on and from the date on which it is assented to by the bishop or, if the ordinance provides for it to take effect on a later date, on that later date.

**Other means of alteration not affected**

4. This canon shall not prevent the constitution of a diocese from being altered in accordance therewith.

**Canon affects the order and good government of a diocese**

5. The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of the Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in any diocese unless and until the diocese by ordinance adopts the canon.

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

PG KELL  
Chairman of Committees

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 21 October 2003.

CJ MORONEY  
MA PAYNE  
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

PETER F JENSEN  
Archbishop of Sydney  
22/10/2003