## General Synod - Offences Canon Amendment Canon 1998 Adopting Ordinance 1998

No 56, 1998

An Ordinance to adopt Canon No 20, 1998 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains -

### Name of Ordinance

1. This Ordinance is the General Synod - Offences Canon Amendment Canon 1998 Adopting Ordinance 1998.

### Adoption of Canon No 20, 1998

2. Canon No 20, 1998 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, the text of which is set out in the Schedule, is adopted.

### Schedule

1. This canon may be cited as "Offences Canon Amendment Canon 1998".

### Amendment of the Offences Canon 1962

2. The Offences Canon 1962 is amended as follows -

(a) in section 1 the words "by persons licensed by the bishop of the diocese and by persons in Holy Orders resident in the diocese" are deleted and the following words are inserted instead -

"by a person who, at the time the charge is preferred, is licensed by the bishop of the diocese or is in holy orders resident in the diocese"; and

(b) the words in paragraph 5 of section 1 and paragraph 4 of section 2(1) are deleted and the following words are inserted in both paragraphs instead -

"Conduct, whenever occurring,

(a) which would be disgraceful if committed by a member of the clergy, and

(b) which at the time the charge is preferred is productive, or if known publicly would be productive, of scandal or evil report."

### Effect of Canon

3. This Canon affects 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.

**N.M. CAMERON**
*Chairman of Committees*

We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 15 December 1998.

**M.A. PAYNE**
**C.J. MORONEY**
*Secretaries of Synod*

I Assent to this Ordinance.

**R.H. GOODHEW**
*Archbishop of Sydney*
18/12/1998