

# Interpretation Ordinance 1985 Amendment Ordinance 2023

No 2, 2023

## Long Title

An Ordinance to amend the *Interpretation Ordinance 1985*.

The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

### 1. Name of ordinance

This Ordinance is the Interpretation Ordinance 1985 Amendment Ordinance 2023.

### 2. Amendment

The *Interpretation Ordinance 1985* is amended as follows -

- (a) insert a new subclause 5(e) as follows -
  - “(e) The expressions ‘Doctrine(s) of the Anglican Church of Australia’ and ‘Doctrine of this Church’ have the same meaning as ‘Doctrine’ set out in the Schedule.”, and
- (b) insert a new definition of the “Doctrine” in the Schedule as follows –

“Doctrine - The teaching of the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Sydney on any question of faith. The sources of Doctrine include –

  - (a) canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testaments,
  - (b) the Christian faith as professed by the Church of Christ from primitive times, and in particular as set forth in the creeds known as the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed,
  - (c) the commands, doctrine, sacraments and discipline of Christ,
  - (d) the book of Common Prayer, the Ordinal and the Thirty-Nine Articles.

For the avoidance of doubt, “Doctrine” includes both faith and practice and is not limited to its meaning in the majority opinions of the Appellate Tribunal on the Primate’s References re Wangaratta Blessing Services and the Newcastle Discipline Ordinance (11 November 2020).

Doctrine may be declared in statements made by –

- (i) the Synod of the Diocese with the concurrence of the Archbishop, or
- (ii) the Archbishop-in-Council,

provided that such statements are consistent with the sources of Doctrine in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above.”

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

R TONG  
Chair of Committee

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 27 March 2023.

B BOUNDS  
Secretary

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I Assent to this Ordinance.

KANISHKA RAFFEL  
Archbishop of Sydney

27/03/2023