

Leadership of Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese Amendment Ordinance 2024

No 25, 2024

Long Title

An Ordinance to amend the *Standing Committee Ordinance 1897* and the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995*.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name of ordinance

This Ordinance is the Leadership of Indigenous Ministry in the Diocese Amendment Ordinance 2024.

2. Amendment to the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897

The *Standing Committee Ordinance 1897* is amended as follows –

- (a) in subclause 1A(1)(a), after the matter “Sydney Diocesan Services”, replace the matter “and” with the matter “,”, and
- (b) in subclause 1A(1)(a), after the matter “Moore Theological College”, insert the matter “and the Director of Indigenous Ministry,”.

3. Amendment to the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

The *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* is amended as follows –

- (a) insert the matter “, 8A” after the number “6” in clauses 33(b), 35(e), 43(b) and 46(2)(d), and
- (b) insert the following matter at the end of clause 50A before the full-stop –

“,

or the person is the Director of Indigenous Ministry”, and

- (c) insert a new clause 50BA as follows –

“50BA. Additional Nominated Indigenous Representative

(1) The Director of Indigenous Ministry is an additional Nominated Indigenous Representative, *ex officio* and must be summoned to each session of Synod convened while they hold that office.

(2) If a person is summoned to a session of Synod under subclause 50BA(1), and before the first day of that session the person ceases to hold office as the Director of Indigenous Ministry, the summons is void.

(3) Divisions 2 and 3 of this Part 8A do not apply to a person who is a member of Synod under subclause 50BA(1).”, and

- (d) in the Dictionary substitute the definition of “Indigenous Person” with the following –

“‘Indigenous Person’ means a person who –

- (a) is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, and
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal Person or Torres Strait Islander, and
- (c) is accepted as such by the community in which they live or formerly lived.”

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

R TONG
Chair of Committee

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I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 23 September 2024.

B BOUNDS
Secretary

I Assent to this Ordinance.

KANISHKA RAFFEL
Archbishop of Sydney

25/09/2024