

**GRAFTON DIOCESAN GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE 2008  
AMENDING (PREAMBLE) ORDINANCE 2013  
Ordinance No. 8 of 2013**

An Ordinance to amend the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 relating to the Preamble.

**PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS presently the Preamble to the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 is contained in Chapter 2 of that Ordinance AND WHEREAS it is desirable to have the Ordinance amended THEREFORE the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton decree and enact as follows:

**AMENDMENT**

1. Chapter 2 of the Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance is amended by deleting the present Chapter 2 and substituting in place thereof the Schedule to this Ordinance.
2. This Ordinance may be cited as The Grafton Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 Amending (Preamble) Ordinance 2013
3. This Ordinance shall come into effect upon receiving the assent of the Bishop.

**ASSENT**


I hereby certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.

  
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Chairman of Committees

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

  
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Registrar (ACTING)

I assent to this Ordinance.

  
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Bishop. Dio. Admin.

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**SCHEDULE**

**CHAPTER 2 - PREAMBLE**

**2 *Fundamental Declarations and Ruling Principles***

2.1 The Synod is mindful of the status of the Diocese as a member Diocese of the Anglican Church of Australia and affirms the Fundamental Declarations and Ruling Principles outlined in the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia.

2.2 The Synod acknowledges that the Church, which is God's, finds its expression in the world through people and organisations. In enacting this Ordinance, Synod, by providing structures, processes and procedures which give life and purpose to the community of faith, seeks to reflect the openness of God to a changing world.

2.3 It is the intention of Synod that all that is done pursuant to this Ordinance is done to the glory of the triune God, and for the building up of God's kingdom.

**3 *Objectives***

3.1 In enacting this Ordinance, Synod seeks to establish a system of governance of the affairs of the Church in the Diocese that is—

- (a) flexible, to permit the Church to work in new ways to meet the differing needs of different parts of the Diocese, the differing needs of the different groups of people within the Diocese and differing needs at different times;
- (b) responsive, to enable the Church to respond to new opportunities for outreach and mission;
- (c) responsible, to ensure that those who direct the affairs of the institutions of the Diocese are accountable for their stewardship; and
- (d) Anglican, reflecting the Episcopal nature of our Church, our commonality with the World Wide communion and Anglican tradition and practice.