

**OFFENCES CANON AMENDMENT CANON 1998
ADOPTING ORDINANCE 1999**

No. 11 of 1999

AN ORDINANCE

To adopt the "Offences Canon Amendment Canon 1998" being a General Synod Canon to amend the Offences Canon 1962.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Offences Canon Amendment Canon 1998 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia should be adopted by the Diocese of Grafton.

THEREFORE the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled decree and enact as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Offences Canon Amendment Canon 1998, Assenting Ordinance 1999."

ASSENT

2. Offences Canon Amendment Canon 1998 as set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby adopted.

SCHEDULE

OFFENCES CANON AMENDMENT CANON 1998

Canon No. 20, 1998

A Canon to amend the Offences Canon 1962

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

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1. This Canon may be cited as the "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 bill as printed is in accordance with the bill as reported.

D J BLEBY
Chairman

We certify that this bill was passed by the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Australia is twentieth day of February 1998.

ANN SKAMP
B J GREAVES
Secretaries of Synod

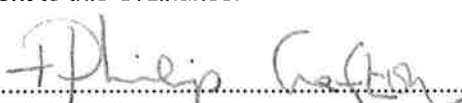
I hereby certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.


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Chairman of Committees

I hereby certify that the Ordinance was passed by Synod on the fifteenth day of May, 1999.


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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.


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Bishop