

**CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (SUSPENSION OF BISHOPS)
CANON 2007 ASSENTING ORDINANCE 2009**

ORDINANCE NO 6 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE

To assent to the "*Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007*" being a General Synod Canon.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is desirable that the "*Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007*" of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia should be assented to 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 "*Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007 Assenting Ordinance 2009.*"

ADOPTION

2. The "*Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007*" as set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby assented to.

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

3. This Ordinance shall come into effect on the date that the Bishop assents to this Ordinance.

CANON No. 18, 2007

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

(SUSPENSION OF BISHOPS) CANON 2007

A canon to amend the Constitution with respect to the suspension of bishops subject to the jurisdiction of the Special Tribunal

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This Canon may be cited as the “Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007”.

Amendment of s 61A

2. Section 61A of the Constitution is amended by deleting the whole of the first sentence and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“Where a charge has been promoted against a bishop in respect of whom the Special Tribunal has jurisdiction, the President of the Special Tribunal, with the concurrence of –

(a) in the case of a diocesan bishop, the Diocesan Council convened by the Primate and chaired by a diocesan bishop appointed by the Primate with the concurrence of a majority of the Metropolitans meeting when the bishop is not present; and

(b) in any other case, the Primate and the bishop of any diocese by whom the bishop is licensed,

may, after considering any submission from the bishop, suspend the bishop from the duties of office until the determination of such charge or for some lesser time.

At a meeting convened under paragraph (a), the diocesan bishop appointed shall not have a vote.”

Further amendment of section 61A

3. Section 61A of the Constitution is further amended by designating the section subsection

(1) and by inserting the following additional subsections:

(2) Where a charge has been promoted against the Primate the powers and functions of the Primate under subsection (1) shall be exercised by the person who would exercise the authorities powers rights and duties of the Primate if there were a vacancy in the office.

(3) For the purposes of this section a reference to the Metropolitans excludes a Metropolitan who at the time is the subject of a charge.

We certify that this canon was passed by the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Australia this 24th day of October 2007.

The Revd C J Moroney
Mrs A Skamp
Secretaries of Synod

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 hereby certify that the Ordinance was passed by Synod on the May 2009


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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance


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for Bishop