

# **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (INTERPRETATION) CANON 1995**

## **ASSENTING ORDINANCE 1997**

**No. 7 OF 1997**

### **AN ORDINANCE**

To assent to the 'Constitution Amendment (Interpretation) Canon 1995' being a General Synod Canon to amend the Constitution with respect to interpretation.

### **PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Constitution Amendment (Interpretation) Canon 1995 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 (Interpretation) Canon 1995, Assenting Ordinance 1996".

### **ASSENT**

2. The Constitution Amendment (Interpretation) Canon 1995 as set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby assented to.

### **THE SCHEDULE**

#### **Canon No. 15, 1995**

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This Canon may be cited as the "Constitution Amendment (Interpretation) Canon 1995".
2. The definition of "Discipline" in clause 74(1) of the Constitution is deleted.
3. The following definitions are inserted in clause 74(1) -

"Month" means calendar month, that is, a period commencing at the beginning of a day of one of the twelve months of the year and ending immediately before the beginning of a corresponding day on the next month or, if there is no such corresponding day, ending at the expiration of the next month.

4. The following new sub-clause (8) is added to clause 74 -

"(8) Except in Chapter I, 'discipline' means the ecclesiastical laws and customs regulating the religious and moral life of this Church as opposed to its temporal affairs and, in Chapter IX, also includes the rules of this Church and the rules of good conduct."

5. The following new sub-clause 9 is added to clause 74 -

"(9) Where any period of time, dating from a given day, act or event is prescribed or allowed for any purpose, the time shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be reckoned exclusive of such day or of the day of such act or event. Where the last day of any period prescribed or allowed for the doing of anything falls on a Saturday, on a Sunday or on a day which is a public or bank holiday in the place in which the thing is to be done or may be done, the thing may be done on the first day following which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public or bank holiday in that place."

I certify that the bill as printed is in accordance with the bill as reported.

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D.J. BLEBY  
Chairman of Committees

We certify that this bill was passed by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia this 7th day of July 1995.


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M.F. HORTON

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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 certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod on the sixteenth day of August, 1997.

  
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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.

  
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Bishop.