

**CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SUSPENSION FROM DUTIES) CANON 1998  
ASSENTING ORDINANCE 1999**

No. 9 of 1999

**AN ORDINANCE**

To assent to the "Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 1998" being a General Synod Canon to alter the Constitution to clarify the powers of suspension from duties.

**PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 1998 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 Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 1998, Assenting Ordinance 1999."

**ASSENT**

2. The Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 1998 as set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby assented to.

**THE SCHEDULE**

**CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (SUSPENSION FROM DUTIES) CANON 1998**

**Canon No. 9 1998**

**A Canon to clarify the powers of suspension from duties**

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This canon may be cited as the "Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 1998".
2. Section 61 of the Constitution is amended by substituting "has been promoted" for "is pending".
3. Section 61 of the Constitution is further amended by classifying the existing provision as 61(1) and by adding the following:

"(2) It is hereby declared that a synod of a diocese is empowered to make provision for a bishop of a diocese to suspend a person who is or may be liable to the jurisdiction of the diocesan tribunal from the duties of his or her office. In particular provision may be made for such suspension in any case where it appears to such bishop that the same is for the good of the diocese or any particular parish or organisation of the diocese.

The synod of each diocese is authorised by ordinance to define the occasions on which or conditions under which such power may be exercised and may provide for a person so suspended to receive income and accommodation including accommodation for him or her and his or her immediate family, during the period of suspension."

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 this seventeenth 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