

## DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

### PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTION CONSENTING CANON 2000

A canon to consent to an alteration to the Constitution of the Province of Queensland.

The Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Rockhampton, assembled in Synod prescribe:

#### *Short Title*

1. This canon may be cited as the “Provincial Constitution Consenting Canon 2000”.

#### *Consent*

2. This Synod consents to the alteration to the Constitution of the Province of Queensland:
  - (a) by repealing all of the sections thereof; and
  - (b) by inserting in their place the new sections set out in the Schedule to this canon.

## SCHEDULE

### CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEENSLAND

#### *Interpretation*

1. In this Constitution except so far as the contrary intention appears:
  - “Canon” means a canon of the Synod of the Province;
  - “Chancellor” means the Provincial Chancellor;
  - “Church” means The Anglican Church of Australia;
  - “Diocese” means a diocese of the Church within the Province;
  - “Diocesan” means the diocesan bishop of a Diocese;
  - “General Synod” means the General Synod of the Church;
  - “Province” means the Province of Queensland;
  - “Provincial Council” means a Provincial Council established in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
  - “Registrar” means the Registrar of the Province;
  - “Senior Diocesan” means the bishop of a diocese most senior in time of consecration.
  - “Synod” means the Synod of the Province.

***Province***

2. The Province as duly constituted on the day before this Constitution comes into effect shall continue in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

***Provincial Synod***

3. The Synod shall consist of the Diocesan of each Diocese, the Chancellor and the Registrar together with such clerical and lay representatives of each Diocese as prescribed by canon of the Province. Unless or until otherwise prescribed by Canon of the Province each Diocese shall be entitled to be represented in Synod by 8 clerical and 8 lay people. The representatives of each Diocese shall be elected or appointed in such manner as the Diocese determines.
4. Each Diocesan shall certify and transmit to the Registrar a list of the names and addresses of the clerical and lay representatives of the Diocese. In the event of any change in the representation of a Diocese its Diocesan shall certify and transmit to the Registrar a supplementary list showing the change. Any list or supplementary list so certified and received by the Registrar shall be evidence that the representatives indicated by such documentation are entitled to be such representatives.
5.
  - (1) There shall be separate Houses of the Diocesans of the Clergy and of the Laity which shall sit together in the Synod and transact business therein and vote together unless a vote by Houses is required by not less than two-thirds of the members present in any one of the Houses.
  - (2) In the event of a vote by Houses being required all questions shall be put firstly to the House of Laity secondly to the House of Clergy and thirdly to the House of Diocesans and no question shall be deemed to be resolved in the affirmative by the Synod unless it is so resolved by a vote of the majority of those present in each of the Houses.
  - (3) A House by majority of its members voting may decide to consider separately any matter in debate whereupon further discussion on the matter shall be postponed until there has been an opportunity of such separate consideration.
6. The Metropolitan of the Province shall be the Archbishop of the Diocese of Brisbane.
7. The Registrar shall be the Registrar of the Diocese of Brisbane who shall be an ex officio member of the Synod.
8. The Metropolitan may appoint a person to be the Chancellor who shall be an ex officio member of the Synod.
9. The Synod shall elect from amongst its members a Clerical Secretary and a Lay Secretary.
10.
  - (1) The Synod may proceed to dispatch business notwithstanding the failure of any Diocese to provide for its representation in the Synod and notwithstanding a vacancy in the office of the Metropolitan or of any of the Diocesans.
  - (2) No canon rule act or exercise of power of the Synod shall be invalidated by reason only of the fact that any person to be elected appointed or summoned to the Synod has not been elected appointed or summoned or by reason only of any informality with respect to the electing appointing or summoning.

11. The Metropolitan (or in his absence the Senior Diocesan present) shall be the President of the Synod and of the House of Diocesans.
12. The President may at any time during the Synod call upon another Diocesan present to preside temporarily whether or not the President is present.
13. The presence of more than one half of the members of each House (with each House having present representatives of more than one half of the Dioceses) shall be necessary to constitute a meeting of the Synod and for the exercise of its powers, provided that any number less than a quorum may adjourn the Synod from day to day.
14. The Synod shall meet at such time and place as may be determined by the Metropolitan. The Metropolitan shall convene a meeting of Synod at the request of at least two Diocesans or on a resolution of Provincial Council passed with at least a two thirds majority.
15. At least two months before any session of the Synod the President shall by mandate under his hand and seal (bearing the date upon which the mandate was signed and sealed) summon the Diocesans and require them and the clerical and lay representatives of their Dioceses to convene for the Synod session at an appointed time and place.
16.
  - (1) The proceedings of the Synod shall be duly recorded and shall be authenticated by the signature of the President.
  - (2) Every canon of the Synod shall be printed in duplicate and each duplicate shall be certified as correct by the President and the Secretaries of the Synod and filed in the records of the Synod.

### ***The Powers of Synod***

17. Subject to the terms firstly hereof secondly of the Constitution and canons of General Synod and thirdly the Constitution and canons of each of the Dioceses the Synod may make canons and rules relating to the order and good government of the Church within the Province. No canon of the Synod passed thereby after this Constitution comes into effect shall be binding on a Diocese unless and until that Diocese has adopted it by ordinance.
18. The Synod may prescribe Standing Orders for its conduct including the method by which a canon of the Synod may be duly passed.

### ***Provincial Council and Committees of Synod***

19. There shall be a Provincial Council of the Province which shall be constituted in such manner and shall have such powers as are prescribed by canon of the Synod.
20. The Synod may delegate to the Provincial Council any of its powers other than the power to pass and make canons of the Synod.
21. The Synod may appoint a committee for the purpose of carrying into effect any Canon or resolution passed by the Synod.

### ***Standing Committee***

22. The Synod may elect a Standing Committee for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of Synod and for such other purpose as may be delegated to it by the Synod. The Standing Committee shall consist of the Metropolitan, the Diocesans, the Chancellor, the Registrar, the Treasurer, and 2 clerical and 2 lay representatives.

23. If the Synod at any session resolves to elect a Standing Committee, it shall proceed to such election by ballot, and the persons so elected shall continue and remain in office until their successors are appointed. The Standing Committee or a Provincial Council may fill any vacancy in the office of an elected member of the Standing Committee.

*Amendment of this Constitution*

24. This Constitution may be amended by canon assented to by each Diocese by ordinance subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the General Synod.