

# GENERAL SYNOD DIOCESAN BOUNDARY RATIFICATION CANON 1973

## Canon 10, 1973

**A canon to provide for the ratification of the surrender or alteration of the territory of a diocese.**

Whereas the Constitution of the Church of England in Australia provides that any surrender or alteration of the territory of a diocese shall not take effect until ratified by or under a canon of General Synod.

And whereas it is desirable to provide a means of ratifying such a surrender or alteration between meetings of General Synod.

Now therefore the General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. The Standing Committee of General Synod (hereinafter referred to as "**the Committee**") is hereby empowered in pursuance of sub-section (3) of section 45 of the Constitution to ratify the surrender or alteration of the territory of a diocese in accordance with this canon.
2. Where the Committee has received in connection with a proposed surrender or alteration of the territory of a diocese, copies of the ordinances required under section 45 of the Constitution certified by the secretaries of the synods concerned, it may by resolution, ratify the surrender or alteration as from a date specified in the resolution.
3. This canon does not prevent -
  - (a) the Committee from deciding in any case that the diocese concerned should bring the matter to General Synod by way of canon; or
  - (b) a proposed surrender or alteration of the territory of a diocese or dioceses being dealt with directly by General Synod by way of canon.
4. This canon may be cited as "General Synod Diocesan Boundary Ratification Canon 1973".

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