

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL SYNOD
OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
HELD IN SYNOD HALL, WANDINY ROOM,
NOVOTEL TWIN WATERS RESORT, MAROOCHYDORE
ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017**

1 SYNOD ASSEMBLED

The Synod assembled at 8.30 am, with the Primate, Archbishop Philip Freier, presiding.

2 PRAYERS

The Synod opened with a service of morning prayer led by the Very Rev'd Richard Humphrey.

3 ROLLS

The Rolls of Bishops, Clerical and Lay Representatives summoned to the Synod were tabled.

4 QUORUM

A quorum was confirmed pursuant to Section 21 of the Constitution.

5 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President opened the Synod with an acknowledgement of Country.

The President delivered his address to the Synod. The President's address was received with acclamation.

6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD

Bishop Robert Forsyth moved, Ms Anne Hywood seconding

R01/17

6.1 Clerical Secretary and Lay Secretary of Synod

That the Rev'd Canon Katherine Bowyer be elected as Clerical Secretary of Synod.

That Mr Timothy Reid be elected as Lay Secretary of Synod.

Carried

R02/17

6.2 A Chair and Deputy Chairs of Committees

That Dr Ian Gibson be elected as Chair of Committees.

That Ms Audrey Mills be elected as a Deputy Chair of Committees.

That Ms Rachel Ellyard be elected as a Deputy Chair of Committees.

Carried

R03/17

6.3 A Committee of Elections and Qualifications

That the following members be appointed to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:

- Bishop Trevor Edwards
- Mr Michael Meek SC
- Justice Debra Mullins
- Bishop John Parkes AM
- Ms Emma Riggs
- Ms Carolyn Tan.

Carried

R04/17

6.4 Three Members of a Committee to arrange the Order of Business

That the following additional persons be elected to the Committee to arrange the Order of Business:

- Bishop Andrew Curnow AM
- Archdeacon Arthur Copeman
- Mr Allan Perryman.

Carried

7 GENERAL SECRETARY'S INTRODUCTION TO ARRANGEMENTS

The General Secretary announced some arrangements for Synod.

8 A MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS—ARRANGEMENT OF SYNOD'S BUSINESS

Ms Anne Hywood sought leave of Synod to move motion 8.5 in an amended form. Leave was so granted.

Ms Anne Hywood moved, the Ven Arthur Copeman seconding

R05/17

8.1 Minutes Reading Committee

That a Minutes Reading Committee of six members be appointed to read and certify as a correct record the Minutes of this Session of Synod for confirmation by Synod, and the following be members of the Committee, any two of whom are to certify the minutes for a particular day:

- Mr Clive Ellis (Convenor)
- Bishop Bradly Billings
- Ms Beverly Birch
- The Rev'd Dane Courtney
- Dr Timothy Nicholson
- Bishop Sarah Macneil.

Carried

R06/17

8.2 Nominations for Elections Under Rule III

- a) That nominations for election to the Appellate Tribunal and Standing Committee close at 9.00 pm on Monday 4 September 2017.
- b) That nominations for all other elections under Rule III close at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 5 September 2017.

Carried

R07/17

8.3 Hours of Sitting and Synod Program

That the hours of sitting for this session of General Synod be those set out in the Synod Program in Book 2 of the General Synod papers titled *Standing Committee Report to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod*.

That so much of Standing Orders as may be necessary be suspended to permit the program as set out in Book 2 titled *Standing Committee Report to the Seventeenth Session of General Synod* to be implemented.

Carried

- R08/17 **8.4 General Synod Conference Sessions**
 That General Synod be adjourned and that conference sessions be conducted at the following times:
- 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm on Monday 4 September 2017
 - 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Tuesday 5 September 2017
 - 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Wednesday 6 September 2017.
- Carried**
- R09/17 **8.5 Guests of General Synod**
- 1) That the representatives of the member churches of the ecumenical body 'Queensland Churches Together' be welcomed and granted permission to speak if called upon by the President.
 - 2) That the following persons, not being members of this General Synod, be granted permission to speak if called upon by the President:
 Bishop Ian Lambert, Bishop to the Defence Force
 Bishop Jeffrey Driver, Chair, Doctrine Commission
 The Rev'd John Deane, Director, Anglican Board of Missions-Australia Ltd
 Dr Martin Sutherland, Dean and CEO, The Australian College of Theology Pty Ltd
 The Rev'd Peter Laurence OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Anglican Schools Australia
 The Rev'd Michael Hughes, General Secretary, The Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.
 Bishop John Harrower, Bishop Assisting the Primate.
- Carried**
- R10/17 **8.6 Media Arrangements**
- That in order to provide appropriate controls and to prevent interference with the Business of the Synod the following media arrangements will pertain:
- 1) Television and filming on the floor of Synod only take place during the first fifteen minutes of each day of sitting, following Prayers, or at other specific times declared by the President.
 - 2) At other times during the Synod accredited media representatives shall be permitted in the Synod only in a designated area.
 - 3) Television cameras may film from a designated space during the sessions of Synod, but not during any period declared by the President at his discretion.
- Carried**
- R11/17 **8.7 Report on Financial Matters**
- That leave be granted for Mr Allan Perryman, General Synod Treasurer, as mover of motions 16.3.1 to 16.3.5, and Ms Marianne Yacoel, General Synod Finance and Operations Manager, to make a presentation for 20 minutes to introduce motions on finance matters.
- Carried**

R12/17

8.8 Report on the Viability and Structures Steering Group

That leave be granted for Bishop Andrew Curnow, as mover of motion 16.4, to make a presentation on the recommendations contained in the Report of the Viability and Structures Steering Group for 15 minutes in connection with the motion.

Carried

R13/17

8.9 Bible Study and Small Groups Discussion Program

- 1) That Bible study and small group discussions be held following morning worship each day.
- 2) That the study groups be comprised with facilitators as published on the GS17 members portal and posted in the Wandiny Room.
- 3) That leave be granted to Archdeacon Arthur Copeman to provide an introduction to the bible study and small group discussion program at 12.20 pm before the lunch break on Monday 4 September 2017.

Carried

R14/17

8.10 Ordering of Business on the Advice of the Provisional Business Committee

That consideration of—

Finance

- 1) Motions 16.3.1 to 16.3.3 and the consideration in principle of motions 16.3.4 and 16.3.5 be made on Order of the Day for 11.00 am on Tuesday 5 September 2017.
- 2) Motions 16.3.4 and 16.3.5 be made an Order of the Day for 9.30 am on Thursday 7 September 2017.

Appellate Tribunal Qualifications of Membership

- 3) Motion 17.1 be an order of the day for 12 noon on Monday 4 September 2017

Safe Ministry to Children

- 4) Motions 17.15 to 17.19 be an Order of the Day for 3.30 pm on Monday 4 September 2017

Episcopal Standards

- 5) Motions 17.20 to 17.22 be an Order of the Day for 3.30 pm on Tuesday 5 September 2017

Redress for Survivors of Abuse

- 6) Motion 16.22 be an order of the day for 9.30 am on Wednesday 6 September 2017 and, if leave be granted for the introduction of a Bill for the Redress for Survivors of Abuse Canon 2017, that the bill be considered forthwith.

Mission and Ministry

- 7) Motions 16.11 to 16.13 be an Order of the Day for 7.30pm on Wednesday 6 September 2017.

Carried

R15/17

8.11 Authentication of Canons

That, pursuant to sections 24 and 25(1) of the Constitution, the Canons passed at this Session of the General Synod shall be authenticated by use of the official seal of the General Synod.

Carried

R16/17

8.12 Reading and Confirmation of Minutes

- 1) That the minutes of the first, second and third days of meeting of this Session of the Synod be read and confirmed on the resumption of business after the afternoon tea adjournment on the day following the relevant day of meeting;
- 2) That the minutes of the second-last day of meeting of this Session of the Synod be read and confirmed on the resumption of business after the morning tea adjournment on the final day of meeting;
- 3) That the minutes of the final day of meeting be read and confirmed at the first full meeting of the Standing Committee following this Session of the General Synod.

Carried

R17/17

8.13 Elections under Rule III

That voting will take place in the voting room in Mudjimba 1, adjacent to the entry foyer of the Novotel Twin Waters Resort, between 10.30 am and 6.00 pm on Wednesday 6 September 2017.

Carried

R18/17

**8.14 Amendment of Rule I - Formal Motions
Amendment of Rule II - Electronic Voting**

That motions 18.1 and 18.4 relating to the amendment of Rule I be dealt with forthwith.

Carried

18.1 Bill R01 - A Rule to amend Rule I - Standing Orders (Formal Motions)

Bishop Richard Condie moved, Dr Ian Gibson seconding

That the Bill for a Rule to amend Rule I - Standing Orders (Formal Motions) be agreed to in principle.

Carried

Synod moved into Committee to consider the Bill for a Rule.

The Chair of Committees reported the bill in amended form.

The President moved that the report be adopted.

Bishop Richard Condie moved, Dr Ian Gibson seconding
That the Bill do now pass.

Carried

Carried

18.4 Bill R04 - A Rule to amend Rule I - Standing Orders (Electronic Voting)

Bishop Tim Harris moved, the Ven David Bassett seconding

That the Bill R04 A Rule to amend Rule I - Standing Orders (Electronic Voting) be approved in principle.

Carried

Debate on the Bill was adjourned to a later time.

Synod adjourned at 10.33am

Synod resumed at 11.00am

R19/17 8.15 **Amendment of Rule III – Elections**

Ms Anne Hywood moved, the Ven Arthur Copeman seconding

That motion 18.2 relating to amendment of Rule III be dealt with forthwith.

Carried

18.2 **Bill R02 - A Rule to amend Rule III - Rules for the Conduct of Elections**

The Ven Arthur Copeman moved, Dr Carolyn Tan seconding

That the bill for a Rule to amend Rule III - Rules for the Conduct of Elections be approved in principle.

Carried

The Ven Arthur Copeman moved, Dr Carolyn Tan seconding
That the Bill do now pass.

Carried

9 DOCUMENTS LAID ON THE TABLE BY THE PRESIDENT

9.1 A list of Special Bills which the President has declared to be Canons under Section 28(3)(iii) of the Constitution since the last session of General Synod.

There is no Special Bill in this category.

**9.2 A list of Special Bills which have not been assented to by every diocesan synod together with the reports and recommendations received from such synod.
There is no Special Bill in this category.**

9.3 A list of Canons the President has declared to be in force following upon a reference of any question to the Appellate Tribunal under Section 29 of the Constitution.

There is no Canon in this category.

9.4 A list of Canons in which the Appellate Tribunal has found inconsistency or breach of Section 28.

There is no Canon in this category.

9.5 A list of Canons duly passed by the Synod together with the date appointed by the President upon which the said Canons came into force under Section 30 of the Constitution.

No 01, 2014 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Anglican Council Canon 2014
1 January 2015

- No 02, 2014 A Canon to amend the Financial Protection Canon 1995
4 July 2014
- No 03, 2014 A Canon to amend the Special Tribunal Canon 2007
30 June 2014
- No 08, 2014 A Canon to amend S52 of the Special Tribunal Canon 2007
4 July 2014
- No 09, 2014 A Canon to amend the National Register Canon 2007
1 July 2014
- No 10, 2014 A Canon to amend the Primate Canon 1985
1 July 2014

9.6 A list of Canons amending the Constitution which have come into effect in the period since the Sixteenth Session of the General Synod.

- No 12, 2010 A Canon to amend the Constitution (S28A)
1 July 2014
- No 1, 2010 A Canon to amend the Constitution (S75)
1 March 2016

9.7 Notifications and advice from dioceses under Section 30(c) of the Constitution

No notifications under Section 30(c) have been received since the conclusion of the Fifteenth Session of the Synod.

9.8 Amendment sheet prepared by the Secretaries of Synod under Standing Order 42A(a)

10 PETITIONS

The President called for Petitions.
None were received.

11 NOTICES OF QUESTIONS

Notice was given of the following questions:

1. Equal Representation – Ms Leanne Beagley
2. Referrals to Appellate Tribunal – The Rev'd James Warren
3. Non-unanimous view on Doctrine- Mr Richard Turnbull

12 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Notice was given of the following motions:

1. Church Law Commission Membership – The Hon Richard Refshauge
2. UN Conference on Nuclear Disarmament – Bishop Phillip Huggins
3. Bishop Greg Thompson – Bishop Peter Stuart.

13 ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF CLERGY AND THE HOUSE OF LAITY

The Synod noted:

- 1) The Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith had been elected Chair of the House of Clergy.
- 2) Justice Debra Mullins had been elected Chair of the House of Laity.

14 CALL OVER OF THE MOTIONS

The following motions were passed formally:

R20/17

16.6 A Motion relating to the Professional Standards Commission Report

Bishop Greg Anderson moved, Ms Dianne Shay seconding

The General Synod:

- (a) receives the report of the Professional Standards Commission;
- (b) recommends that each diocese:
 - (i) publish a list of appropriately qualified people as professional supervisors for those in pastoral ministry and promote the use of their services;
 - (ii) include a component for professional supervision in recommended financial packages for those in pastoral ministry;
- (c) requests the Standing Committee to explore with the dioceses the development of a nationally consistent approach to professional standards legislation with particular reference to its application to child abuse;
- (d) requests the Safe Ministry Commission:
 - (i) to measure and review the Church's progress towards being a child safe institution in the light of the elements identified in the report of the Royal Commission Creating Child Safe Institutions issued in July 2016;
 - (ii) to analyse the final report of the Royal Commission and make recommendations as to actions to be taken;
 - (iii) to develop an audio visual resource for use in dioceses that provides information to ministers, churchwardens and parish councils about the implementation of the Policy for Safe Ministry in a parish where there is a risk of sexual abuse by a

Person of Concern and the issues raised by the participation of a Person of Concern in the life of a parish;

- (iv) to develop a resource for use in dioceses for providing care for families who have experienced premature death of a family member due to child sexual abuse;
- (v) to identify and recommend resources for use in dioceses for responding to family and domestic violence;
- (vi) to report to the 18th General Synod as to the progress of the Church in the development and implementation of safe ministry policies and structures.

Carried

R21/17

16.7 A Motion relating to Safer Ministry

Ms Dianne Shay moved, Bishop Greg Anderson seconded

That the General Synod:

- (a) welcomes resolutions 16.25, 16.26, 16.27 and 16.28 passed by the Anglican Consultative Council in April 2016 (ACC-16) and requests the General Secretary to convey this resolution to the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion and the Archbishop of Canterbury;
- (b) commends the National Council of Churches in Australia for organising the *Safe as Churches? 7* and *the Safe as Churches? 8* conferences on sexual misconduct and abuse in the Australian churches, and supports ongoing joint action by member churches and other participating Australian churches to promote the welfare and safety of all people within their communities. The General Synod requests the General Secretary to convey this resolution to the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia;
- (c) recommends that the Commonwealth Government promote a national system for child protection, and that State and Territory governments as a matter of urgency enact legislation for a national system for child protection that provides for:
 - (i) the mandatory reporting of child abuse by persons including ministers of religion to the police and the government child protection authorities;
 - (ii) the screening of all persons seeking to work with children in a paid or voluntary capacity;
 - (iii) the mutual recognition of clearances for persons to work with children in all States and Territories: and
- (d) requests that the General Secretary forward the terms of this resolution to the Prime Minister, the Premier or Chief Minister of each State and Territory and the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse forthwith.

Carried

R22/17

16.10 A motion relating to The Global Goals for Sustainable Development

Bishop Sarah Macneil moving, Bishop Chris Jones seconding

That, celebrating the success of the Millennium Development Goals and noting that the number of people living in extreme poverty has more than halved since 1990, the General Synod:

1. welcomes the new Global Goals for Sustainable Development which aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and pursue the common good;
2. encourages theological engagement with the goals, and missional commitment to their achievement;
3. commends the work of Anglicare Australia, the Anglican Board of Mission, Anglican Overseas Aid, Anglican Aid and other Anglican organisations in striving to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals; and
4. renews our call for a fair share of Australia's national budget (0.7% of Gross National Income) to be dedicated to Overseas Development Assistance that aims to reduce poverty.

***Rescinded
by R54/17***

R23/17

16.15 A motion relating to Domestic Violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities

The Rev'd Canon Bruce Boase, Ms Rose Elu seconding

The General Synod recognises and shares the deep concern of NATSIAC members regarding the rate of domestic and family violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and:

- a) Calls upon the government both federal and state to continue to invest in educational and family support programs;
- b) Calls upon the Anglican Church of Australia to facilitate a national response through greater education among clergy and church workers with regard to domestic and family violence; and,
- c) Calls upon dioceses to develop domestic violence policies, with advice for good pastoral practice, consistent with Faithfulness in Service, and in consultation with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Carried

R24/17

16.16 A motion relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Issues

The Rev'd Canon Bruce Boase, Ms Rose Elu seconding

The General Synod recognises and shares the deep concern of NATSIAC members in regard to:

1. The appalling number of youth suicides in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; ten times higher than the wider Australian community and notes that suicides touch 95% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This Synod calls upon the government, both state and federal, to investigate the causes of these horrific statistics, and requests appropriate continuing funding to finance functional programs in consultation and negotiation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;

2. The sad and undeniable facts concerning the disproportionate rate of incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in gaols and detention centres all over Australia.

This Synod strongly urges all governments, federal and state to end mandatory sentencing and to actively investigate and examine 'best practice' from other jurisdictions, utilise resources such as diversionary programs and changes to policies that would seek to have gaol as the last resort.

Carried

R25/17

21.1 A motion relating to Equal Representation of Women

The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen moving, Ms Audrey Mills seconding

The General Synod -

1. Notes with disappointment that the resolution of the 2007 fourteenth Session of General Synod in regard to the equal representation of Women on General Synod Bodies (GS85/07) has not been effectively implemented, with equal representation of women on only three of the General Synod's current 27 Bodies.
2. Requests the next General Synod Standing Committee to
 - a) Re-commit to the principle of equal representation of women in membership of its bodies and to ensure that this goal is met the Standing Committee agree to a target that all General Synod bodies (General Synod commissions, task forces and working groups) have 50% equal representation of women in their membership by 1st December 2019 wherever legislatively and practically possible.
 - b) Apply the principle of equal representation of women in membership of organisations where Standing Committee make appointments to other bodies wherever this is legislatively and practically possible.
 - c) Review annually the progress of this target.
3. Encourages each diocese to adopt the target of 50% equal representation of women in elections and appointments wherever legislatively and practically possible and to report back to the next General Synod.
4. Requests Standing Committee to report progress on this matter to the 18th Session of General Synod.

Carried

21.6 A motion relating to Mission to Seafarers

Bishop John Stead moved, Bishop Gary Nelson seconding

The General Synod –

- a) Receives the report of the Mission to Seafarers.
- b) Recognises and seeks to include the celebration of Sea Sunday annually as a way to support the ministry of the Mission to Seafarers and highlight the plight of Seafarers.
- c) Calls on the Federal Government to take seriously its responsibility under the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 and fully fund land based welfare for seafarers in this country.
- d) Respectfully requests the Primate to convey the above terms of this resolution to the Prime Minister and Federal Transport Minister.

Carried

15 REPORTS, ACCOUNTS AND MOTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Ms Anne Hywood moving, Archdeacon Arthur Copeman seconding

That the following reports and documents be laid on the Table and be received without preventing further discussion of specific matters arising from them:

15.1 Standing Committee of General Synod Reports (Books 2 and 3 of the Synod Papers)

Membership of the Standing Committee of General Synod and its Committees

Implementation of Substantive Resolutions of the Sixteenth Session of General Synod 2014

Summary of Business of the Standing Committee from November 2014 to May 2017

The Trust Corporation of the Anglican Church of Australia

Appellate Tribunal

Special Tribunal

National Register

Financial Protection Canon 1995

General Synod Legislation

Changes in the Episcopate since the Sixteenth General Synod

General Synod Financial Performance 2014-2015

General Synod Budget for 2017

General Synod Budget 2018 and Forecasts 2019-2020

- 15.2 **Bills for Canons circulated in accordance with Section 27(1)(i) of the Constitution (Books 1 and 5 of the Synod Papers):**
- Bill 01** - A Bill for the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Qualification) Canon 2017
 - Bill 02** - A Bill for the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Reserve List) Canon 2017
 - Bill 03** - A Bill for the Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017
 - Bill 04** - A Bill for the Special Tribunal Amendment Canon 2017
 - Bill 05** - A Bill for the Special Tribunal (Limitation Period) Canon 2017
 - Bill 06** - A Bill for the Long Service Leave (Revision of Entitlement) Canon 2017
 - Bill 07** - A Bill for the Long Service Leave (Notification of Participating Organisation) Canon 2017
 - Bill 08** - A Bill for a Canon to Ratify the Amended New South Wales Provincial Synod Constitution
 - Bill 09** - A Bill for the Holy Orders (Removal from Exercise of Ministry) Canon 2017
 - Bill 10A** - A Bill for the Canon Concerning Confessions (Revision) Canon 2017
 - Bill 10B** - A Bill for the Canon Concerning Confessions (Vulnerable Persons) Canon 2017
 - Bill 11** - A Bill for the Canon Concerning Services Amendment Canon 2017
 - Bill 12** - A Bill for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Church Council Amendment Canon 2017
 - Bill 13** - A Bill for Strategic Issues, Commissions, Task Forces and Networks Amendment Canon 2017
 - Bill 14** - A Bill for the Missionary Dioceses (Amendment) Canon 2017
 - Bill 15** - A Bill for the Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017
 - Bill 16** - A Bill for a Disclosure of Information Canon 2017
 - Bill 17** - A Bill for the National Register Amendment Canon 2017
 - Bill 18** - A Bill for the National Register (Access to and Disclosure of Information) Amendment Protocol 2017
 - Bill 19** - A Bill for the National Register (Inclusion of Information) Amendment Protocol 2017
 - Bill 20** - A Bill for the Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017
 - Bill 21** - A Bill for the Constitution (Jurisdiction of Special Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017
 - Bill 22** - A Bill for the Offences Amendment Canon 2017

15.3 **Bills for Rules**

- Bill R01 - A Rule to Amend Rule I - Standing Orders (Formal Motions)
- Bill R02 - A Rule to Amend Rule III - Rules for the Conduct of Elections to be made by Standing Committee
- Bill R03 - A Rule to Amend II - Standing Committee
- Bill R04 - A Rule to Amend I - Standing Orders (Electronic Voting)

15.4 Commissions

Church Law Commission
Doctrine Commission
Ecumenical Relations Commission
Liturgy Commission
Ministry Commission
Professional Standards Commission
Public Affairs Commission

15.5 Task Forces and Working Groups

Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force
Royal Commission Working Group
Refugee and Migrants Working Group

15.6 General Synod Bodies

Anglican Board of Mission - Australia
Australian College of Theology
Broughton Publishing
Defence Force Board
Long Service Leave Board
NATSIAC
The National Home Mission Fund

15.7 Networks

Anglicare Australia
Australian Anglican Diaconal Association
Anglican Schools Australia
National Network of Professional Standards Directors

15.8 Other Groups

Anglican Cursillo Movement of Australia
Anglican Mothers' Union Australia
Bush Church Aid Society
Mission to Seafarers
SparkLit

15.9 Anglican Communion

Anglican Consultative Council

**15.10 Reports required of the Protection to the Environment
Canon 2007**

Reports from the Dioceses of:

Diocese of Brisbane
Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn
Diocese of Newcastle
Diocese of the Northern Territory
Diocese of Perth
Diocese of Tasmania
Diocese of Wangaratta

Carried

16 MOTIONS BY REQUEST OF STANDING COMMITTEE

16.1 Bills to be declared by the Synod to be Group Discussion Bills

There is no bill in this category.

16.2 Motions to be declared by the Synod to be handled by Group Discussion

There is no motion in this category.

17 MOTIONS FOR BILLS BY REQUEST OF STANDING COMMITTEE

17.1 ORDER OF THE DAY (12 noon Monday 4 September 2017)

Bill 01 - A Bill for the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Qualification) Canon 2017

Dr Ian Gibson moving, Mr Michael Meek SC seconding

That the Bill for the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Qualification) Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

Carried

Dr Ian Gibson moving, Mr Michael Meek SC seconding
That the Bill do now pass.

Carried

The President announced the date for the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Qualification) Canon 2017 to come into force is 4th September 2017.

17.2 Bill 02 - A Bill for the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Reserve List) Canon 2017

Dr Ian Gibson moving and Mr Michael Meek QC seconding

That the bill for the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Reserve List) Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

Carried

Synod moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

The Chair of Committees reported progress and sought leave to sit again.

The President moved that the report be adopted.

Carried

Synod adjourned at 12.35 pm.

Synod resumed at 3.30 pm

17.15 **ORDER OF THE DAY** (3.30 pm Monday 4 September 2017)

Bill 15 – A Bill for a Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017

Mr Garth Blake SC moving, Ms Audrey Mills seconding

That the Bill for a Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

Carried

Synod moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

The Chair of Committees reported progress and sought leave to sit again.

The President moved that the report be adopted.

Carried

Further consideration of the Bill was adjourned.

Synod adjourned at 5.21 pm for Evening Prayer and dinner.

Synod resumed at 7.30pm.

18.4 **Bill R04 - A Rule to amend Rule I - Standing Orders (Electronic Voting)**

Resumption of debate.

Leave was granted to Bishop Tim Harris to present the Bill in an amended form.

That the Bill R04 A Rule to amend Rule I - Standing Orders (Electronic Voting) be approved in principle.

Carried

Synod moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

The Chair of Committees reported the bill in amended form.

The President moved that the report be adopted.

The President moved that further consideration of the Bill be an order for the day before the close of the day's business.

Carried

Carried

17.2 **Bill 02 - A Bill for the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Reserve List) Canon 2017**

Resumption of consideration in Committee.

The Chair of Committees reported the bill in amended form.

The President moved that the report be adopted.

Carried

The President moved that further consideration of the Bill be an order for the day before the close of the day's business.

Carried

17.3 Bill 03 - A Bill for a Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017

Dr Ian Gibson moving and Mr Michael Meek QC seconding

That the Bill for a Constitution (Appellate Tribunal) Amendment Canon 2017 be approved in principle.

Carried

Dr Ian Gibson moving and Mr Michael Meek QC seconding
That the Bill do now pass. The President declared that the required majority had been achieved in each House in accordance with the requirements of section 30 of the Constitution.

Carried

17.15 Bill 15 – A Bill for a Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017

Resumption of consideration in Committee.

The Chair of Committees reported the bill in amended form.

The President moved that the report be adopted.

Further consideration of the Bill was adjourned until the resumption of business on the next day.

Carried

18.4 Bill R04 - A Rule to amend Rule I - Standing Orders (Electronic Voting)

Resumption of consideration of the Bill.

Bishop Tim Harris moved, the Ven David Bassett seconding
That the Bill do now pass.

Carried

17.2 Bill 02 - A Bill for the Appellate Tribunal Amendment (Reserve List) Canon 2017

Resumption of consideration of the Bill.

Dr Ian Gibson moving, Mr Michael Meek SC seconding
That the Bill do now pass.

Carried

19 ADJOURNMENT

Synod adjourned at 9.00 pm.

President

Date