

## FURTHER SUBMISSION TO THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL

In the matter of Questions referred by the Primate under section 63(1) of the Constitution on 5 September and 21 October 2019 (the "References")

RECEIVED  
14 FEB 2020  
GENERAL SYNOD

R3

And in the matter of the *Blessing of Persons Married According to the Marriage Act 1961 Regulations 2019 of the Synod of Wangaratta*

Ridley College made its primary submission to the Appellate Tribunal on 9 December 2019. Ridley College now makes the following further submission:

1. Ridley College has had the opportunity to review and consider the proposed answers to the questions the subject of the References and wishes to clarify its own position in response.
2. Accordingly, Ridley College submits that the questions the subject of the References should be answered as follows:

### Reference dated 5 September 2019

<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
Question 1:	The Regulations are inconsistent with the Fundamental Declarations and Ruling Principles.
Question 2:	The Regulations are not validly made.

### Reference dated 21 October 2019

<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
Question 1:	The form of service in Appendix A to the Regulations is not consistent with the doctrine of this Church, the Fundamental Declarations or the Ruling Principles.
Question 2:	The use of any other form of service to bless a civil marriage which involves a union other than between one man and one woman would not be consistent with the doctrine of this Church, the Fundamental Declarations or the Ruling Principles.
Question 3:	The Regulations are not validly made.

3. Ridley College requests the right to make further written submissions in accordance with any amended timetable (if any) determined by the Tribunal.

14 February 2020