

**A BILL FOR THE
NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
ANGLICAN COUNCIL AMENDMENT CANON 2022**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

General Background

1. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council's (NATSIAC) has recommended to General Synod that the provisions relating to the quorum requirement for a meeting of the Council be amended in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canon 2014.
2. NATSIAC has had difficulty meeting the quorum requirement of 'twenty current members of the Council' at recent meetings of the Council. This has impacted on the effective governance of the Council and delayed the confirmation of resolutions.
3. NATSIAC has requested that the quorum be reduced to one third of current members, excluding life members. There are currently 34 members of Council in addition to seven life members. On this basis the new quorum requirement would be at least ten members in attendance.

Notes on Clauses

Clause 3 Revises definition of **current member** to exclude life member.

Clause 4 Amends the quorum requirement to one third of current members.