

# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

## GENERAL SYNOD

### EIGHTEENTH SESSION 2022

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## MOTIONS AMENDMENT SHEET

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### DAY 1 – MONDAY 9 MAY 2022

Report prepared by the Secretaries of Synod pursuant to SO7(d)(7) of all proposals received from members under Standing Order 42A(a) which appears on the Business Paper for the First Day as Item 9.9.

BP Item No	Amendment Proposed	Proposed By	Response of Mover
6.1	<p><b>A Clerical Secretary and a Lay Secretary of Synod</b></p> <p>Replacing the words “Very Rev’d Katherine Bowyer” with “Ven. Dane Courtney”</p> <p>Replacing the words “Mr Timothy Reid” with “Mrs Briony Bounds”</p>	Stephen Hale	
16.7	<p><b>Resourcing the Families and Culture Commission</b></p> <p>Deleting the words: “(a) requests the Treasurer to recast the General Synod budget to allocate \$52,000 to the Family and Culture Commission in the 2022 General Synod Statutory Assessment budget and \$186,000 in the 2023 budget and 2024-25 forecasts; and”</p> <p>Adding the words: “(a) requests the Standing Committee to consider how to provide additional funding for the Families and Culture Commission for 2023 to 2025 without increasing the Statutory Assessment or Special Assessment, including giving consideration to drawing down from the reserves for this purpose; and”</p>	Laurence Scandrett	

16.10	<p><b>Jobseeker</b></p> <p>In paragraph 2, add a new: c) Redesign of the Jobactive System to encourage more effective participation in job search and training, and also to recognise better the legitimate contributions made by those receiving JobSeeker benefits who engage in formal volunteering or providing unpaid care”.</p>	Sandy Grant	
16.11	<p><b>Climate Change - Call to Australian Governments</b></p> <p>In paragraphs B and C, replace “nett” with “net”.</p> <p>In paragraph E, after the word “Australia” add the words “, or China, India or the USA among others”.</p> <p>Add new paragraph at the end of the preamble (lettered as required): “G. That food and water insecurity, poor sanitation, inadequate shelter, and energy insecurity and affordability are also critical issues for over a billion people in the developing world.”</p> <p><b>In current paragraph 2:</b> Delete the phrase “threat to life” and replace it with “challenges”</p> <p><b>In current paragraph 3:</b> Delete the word “appalled” and replace it with “concerned” Delete “pay-lip service to” and replace it with “speak of” Delete “climate catastrophe and immense suffering” and replace it with “the urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet represented by climate change”</p> <p><b>In current paragraph 4:</b> Delete the words “ashamed of” and replace with “concerned by” After the words “businesses in Australia,”, add the words, “calls them to take seriously the warnings of scientists,”</p> <p><b>In current paragraph 8:</b> Delete the word “demands” and replace with “asks”</p>	Sandy Grant	

	<p><b>In current paragraph 9:</b> Delete the phrase “climate catastrophe” and replace with the words “the urgent threats represented by climate change”</p> <p>Add new paragraph after current paragraph 2 (numbered appropriately): “commends the Coalition Government and Labor Opposition for endorsing the goal of net zero emissions by 2050;”</p> <p>At the end of paragraph 5, add the following words “,though noting the high thermal quality of much of our coal and the serious economic impact such a phase down will cause in mining communities”</p> <p>After current paragraph 8, add a new paragraph appropriately numbered: “9. encourages research into, and generous foreign aid for, mitigation, adaptability and resilience measures, especially in developing nations, because many of the impacts resulting from the changing climate are locked in for centuries (as the IPCC notes);”</p> <p>After current paragraph 9, add a new paragraph appropriately numbered: “10. And commits to pray to Almighty God towards these ends.”</p>		
<p>16.11</p>	<p><b>Climate Change - Call to Australian Governments</b></p> <p>Add new paragraphs after current paragraph 1 (numbered appropriately): “2. recognises God’s sovereign and good superintendence of his creation and acknowledges human responsibility for our stewardship of it; 3. trusts Jesus Christ as ultimate reconciler of all things in creation, through his blood shed on the cross and looks with hope to his promise of a renewed creation; 4. humbly accepts the complexity and uncertainties involved with the science of climate change and the difficulties of global political agreement on action needed across the world;”</p> <p>And inserts as the first word of current paragraph 2 (which would become para 5), the word “nevertheless”.</p>	<p>Nigel Fortescue</p>	

<p>16.11</p>	<p><b>Climate Change - Call to Australian Governments</b></p> <p>After the current paragraph 7, add a new paragraph:        “8. commends bipartisan political open-mindedness towards research into potential Australian involvement in modern nuclear power generation which is ‘net zero’ regarding emissions;”</p> <p>Delete the current paragraph F in the preamble section.</p> <p>Delete current paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6.</p> <p>Delete paragraph 8.</p>	<p>Andrew Tong</p>	
<p>16.12</p>	<p><b>Climate Change - Call to the Church</b></p> <p>In current paragraph C, delete the word “affirms”, and replace with the phrase, “Encourages consideration of”.</p> <p>At the end of the current paragraph E.3, add the words, “, considered most appropriate to their contexts”.</p> <p>At paragraph E change the word “Diocese” to “Dioceses”.</p> <p>At the end of current paragraph D, delete the number “2040” and replace with the phrase, “2050, and to consider faster reductions where possible”.</p> <p>At the end of paragraph B, add the words, “, which ultimately stems from rebellion against our Creator and his commands to humans regarding stewardship of his world”.</p> <p>Insert new paragraph C, which would read, “C. Trusts Jesus Christ as ultimate reconciler of all things in creation, through his blood shed on the cross and looks with hope to his promise of a renewed creation”.</p>	<p>Sandy Grant</p>	

<p>20.2</p>	<p><b>The Appellate Tribunal</b></p> <p><b>Paragraph 1:</b> Delete the words “Commends the integrity” and replace with the words “Notes the”</p> <p><b>Paragraph 2:</b> Delete the words “We reject any sectarianism which claims” and also delete the words “other than that”</p> <p>Prior to the words “doctrinal uniformity” add the words “We look for”</p> <p>After the words “doctrinal uniformity” add the words “on the basis”</p> <p>After the words “expressed in the” add the words “Holy Scriptures, the Nicene and Apostles”</p> <p>After the words “Book of Common Prayer” add the words “and the Thirty-Nine Articles.”</p>	<p>Sandy Grant</p>	
<p>23.1</p>	<p><b>Being the Body of Christ</b></p> <p>Delete the words “theological and” in the current clause a)</p> <p>Following the words “That this General Synod” with consequential renumbering:  “a) rejoices in the Christian Faith professed by the Church of Christ from the time of the New Testament, and in particular set forth in the Creeds;  b) joyfully recommits to respectful and reverent reading, teaching and preaching of the canonical Scriptures as our ultimate rule and standard of faith, inspired by God and containing all things necessary for salvation;  c) and humbly re-expresses its determination to obey the commands of Christ and teach his doctrine as these are given to us in Scripture.  It also”</p>	<p>Mark Thompson</p>	

23.1	<p><b>Being the Body of Christ</b></p> <p>Deleting all of the words following “That this General Synod” except accepting and incorporating the above proposed amendments by Dr Mark Thompson to paragraphs a) to c) and following the words of that amendment “It also”, add the words:</p> <p>d) acknowledges that within these boundaries there is diversity of culture, tradition, and experience, which we can appreciate and from which we can often learn.</p> <p>e) accepts that people within our church try to act according to their conscience in good faith,</p> <p>f) welcomes the strengths that our diverse membership brings to our unity in Christ.</p> <p>g) Therefore it calls on all Anglicans regardless of their cultural identity to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. respect one another’s cultures,</li> <li>2. build on what we hold in common,</li> <li>3. affirm that separation from fellow believers diminishes the body of Christ, and</li> <li>4. where we differ to faithfully speak the gospel truth in love and to offer and receive correction in gentleness, humility and patience,</li> <li>5. while adorning the gospel with godly conduct and good deeds.</li> </ol>	Tim Mildenhall	
23.8	<p><b>Viability of Regional Dioceses</b></p> <p>Delete the words “requests that the Standing Committee, with the support of the Diocesan Financial Advisory Task Force determine how the Metropolitan Dioceses could”</p> <p>After the words “ministry programs” insert the words “encourages the Metropolitan and other better resourced dioceses, where possible, to”</p> <p>After the word “insurance,” and before the word “redress” insert “safe ministry training and audit”</p>	Doug Marr	