

# **Parish Administration (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance 2008**

No 28, 2008

## **Long Title**

An ordinance to provide for transitional arrangements for the commencement of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

### **1. Name of Ordinance**

This Ordinance is the Parish Administration (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance 2008.

### **2. Interpretation**

In this Ordinance "Old Law" means the Church Administration Ordinance 1990, the Church Grounds and Buildings Ordinance 1990, the Parishes (Special Administration) Ordinance 2004 and the Use of Church Property Ordinance 1995.

### **3. Repeal**

The Old Law is repealed.

### **4. Savings and transitional provisions**

(1) The repeal of the Old Law does not affect or invalidate any act done or any election or appointment made under the Old Law.

(2) All persons elected or appointed under the Old Law and holding office immediately before the repeal of the Old Law are to remain in office as if they had been elected or appointed under the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 despite anything in the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 which would otherwise disqualify them from remaining in office.

(3) All other acts done under the Old Law which continue to have effect immediately before the repeal of the Old Law are taken to be acts done under the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008.

### **5. References to vestry meetings**

A reference to a vestry meeting in an ordinance or any other rule which has force and effect in this Diocese is taken to be a reference to –

- (a) in relation to a church of a parish or a parish to which the rules in Schedule 1 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 apply, a general meeting of parishioners of the church or parish under Schedule 1, and
- (b) in relation to a parish to which the rules in Schedule 2 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 apply, a general meeting of parishioners of the parish under Schedule 2.

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### **6. References to churchwardens**

A reference to the churchwardens or a churchwarden of a church in an ordinance or any other rule which has force and effect in this Diocese is taken to be a reference to –

- (a) in relation to a church of a parish to which the rules in Schedule 1 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 apply, the wardens or a warden of the church under Schedule 1, and
- (b) in relation to a parish to which the rules in Schedule 2 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 apply, the wardens or a warden of the parish under Schedule 2.

### **7. References to the Old Law**

A reference to –

- (a) the Church Administration Ordinance 1990, the Church Grounds and Buildings Ordinance 1990, the Parishes (Special Administration) Ordinance 2004 or the Use of Church Property Ordinance 1995, or
- (b) any provision of such an ordinance,

in an ordinance or any other rule which has force and effect in this Diocese (except any such reference in this Ordinance) is taken to be a reference to the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 or the corresponding provision of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 as applicable.

### **8. Amendment of Interpretation Ordinance 1985**

The Interpretation Ordinance 1985 is amended as follows –

- (a) delete the matter “Church Grounds and Buildings Ordinance 1990 and the Church Administration Ordinance 1990” in clause 5(b) and insert instead the matter “Parish Administration Ordinance 2008”, and
- (b) insert a new defined term in the Schedule (in alphabetical order) as follows –

“Regional Archdeacon – An Archdeacon who has jurisdiction of a Region”.

### **9. Amendment of Parishes Ordinance 1979**

The Parishes Ordinance 1979 is amended by inserting a new clause 10(1A) as follows –

“(1A) If the ecclesiastical districts proposed to be amalgamated by resolution under subclause (1) are administered under a combination of the rules in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008, the Standing Committee shall specify in the proposed resolution the Schedule which will apply to the

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parish or provisional parish formed as a result of the amalgamation and such specification shall, upon the formation of the parish or provisional parish, take effect accordingly.”

**10. Commencement**

Clauses 3 to 9 (inclusive) commence on the date the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 commences.

I Certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

PG KELL  
Chairman of Committees

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 20 October 2008.

CJ MORONEY  
R WICKS  
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

PETER F JENSEN  
Archbishop of Sydney  
22/10/2008