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# Assistant Bishop's Ordinance 2008

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An Ordinance to provide for the appointment of Assistant Bishops in the Diocese of Bathurst.

The Synod of the Diocese of Bathurst ordains as follows:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Assistant Bishops' Ordinance 2008.
2. The Synod may from time to time create the office of Assistant Bishop and may create more than one such office.
3. The appointment of an Assistant Bishop, whether the office has been created before or after this Ordinance has come into force, shall be made by the Bishop with the concurrence of Bishop-in-Council.
4. Bishop-in-Council shall make provision for the payment of the stipend and other costs of any Assistant Bishop.
5. Before making any such appointment the Bishop shall notify the Primate of the intention of making the appointment and inform the Primate of the stipend provided for the occupant of the office.
6. No appointment shall be made until the Primate has informed the Bishop in writing that the Metropolitans or a majority of them are satisfied that a sufficient stipend has been provided for the occupant of the office.
7. No priest appointed to the office of Assistant Bishop of the Diocese shall be consecrated unless their appointment as to canonical fitness has been confirmed by the Primate and one or more Metropolitans. The definition of 'canonical fitness' in Section 74(1) of the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia as at the date of the commencement of this Ordinance shall apply to any such confirmation.
8. An Assistant Bishop shall be licensed by the Bishop and shall undertake such work and perform such Episcopal acts as may be required or permitted by the Bishop.
9. An Assistant Bishop shall continue in office notwithstanding a vacancy in the See.
10. No Assistant Bishop shall be appointed with a right of succession to the See.
11. "Assistant Bishop" in this Ordinance shall include a coadjutor bishop or other Bishop assistant to the Bishop.
12. Nothing in this Ordinance affects any office of Assistant Bishop created or appointment made before the adoption of this Ordinance.
13. Determination II of the Session of 1896 of the General Synod of the Dioceses of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania as amended shall cease to have any operation in this diocese upon the commencement of this ordinance.
14. A reference in any Ordinance of the Diocese to the Assistant Bishops' Canon 1966 shall be deemed a reference to this Ordinance.