THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BATHURST

General Synod - Constitution Amendment (Provincial Composition) Canon 2026, Constitution Amendment (Provincial Constitutions) Canon 2026, Constitution Amendment (First Nations Bishops) Canon 2026, and Constitution Amendment (Defence Force Representation in General Synod) Canon 2026 Assenting Ordinance 2026.

Title: An Ordinance to assent to:

- Canon 3, 2026: the Constitution Amendment (Provincial Composition) Canon 2026,
- Canon 4, 2026: the Constitution Amendment (Provincial Constitutions) Canon 2026,
- Canon 5, 2026: the Constitution Amendment (First Nations Bishops) Canon 2026, and
- Canon 9, 2026: the Constitution Amendment (Defence Force Representation in General Synod) Canon 2026,

of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

The Synod ordains as follows:

1. Name:
   This Ordinance is the General Synod - Constitution Amendment (Provincial Composition) Canon 2026, Constitution Amendment (Provincial Constitutions) Canon 2026, Constitution Amendment (First Nations Bishops) Canon 2026, and Constitution Amendment (Defence Force Representation in General Synod) Canon 2026 Assenting Ordinance 2026.

2. Assent to the Canons:
   The Synod assents to Canon 3, 2026, Canon 4, 2026, Canon 5, 2026 and Canon 9, 2026 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, a copy of each of which is included in the schedule to this Ordinance.

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Bathurst on this 19th day of September 2026.

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Registrar
I give my assent to this Ordinance.

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Bishop of Bathurst

Schedule

See attached.

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (PROVINCIAL COMPOSITION) CANON 2026

Canon 03, 2026

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Title

1. This canon is the Constitution Amendment (Provincial Composition) Canon 2026.

Creating a new province

2. In section 37 of the Constitution, for "ratified by canon of General Synod" substitute

"ratified by—

(a) canon of General Synod; or

(b) the Standing Committee of General Synod where two-thirds of all the members of the Standing Committee, including all the metropolitans and the Primate (if not a metropolitan), vote in favour of the ratification."

Typographical correction

3. In section 37 of the Constitution, for "preferred" substitute "referred".

Alteration of the composition of a province

4. For section 38 of the Constitution substitute:

"(1) A province may be altered either by an increase or by a decrease in the number of dioceses forming the province, if—

(a) where there is a constitution of the province, the alteration is in accordance with that constitution; and

(b) where there is no constitution of the province, each diocese in the province signifies its consent to the alteration.

"(2) An alteration under subsection (1) takes effect only when it is ratified by—

(a) canon of General Synod; or

(b) the Standing Committee of General Synod where two-thirds of all the members of the Standing Committee, including all the metropolitans and the Primate (if not a metropolitan), vote in favour of the ratification."

Primate's appointment when the canon shall come into force [SO63(19)]

I appoint the 10th August 2026 as the date on which this canon shall come into force.

Secretaries' Certification of copy of Canon as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Canon above is a copy of the Canon as passed on the 10th day of August 2026.

Dated: 13 August 2026

The Ven Stephen Carnaby
Clerical Secretary

Ms Sarah Crutch
Lay Secretary

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (FIRST NATIONS BISHOPS) CANON 2026

Canon 05, 2026

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

For section 17(8)(a) of the Constitution, substitute:

"(a) For every session of Synod the members of Synod include—

(i) each person holding office as a First Nations Bishop under a Canon; and

(ii) non-diocesan representatives being—

A. an Aboriginal person in Holy Orders and a Torres Strait Islander in Holy Orders who shall be members of the House of Clergy; and

B. an Aboriginal lay person and a Torres Strait Islander lay person who shall be members of the House of Laity."

Primate's appointment when the canon shall come into force [SO63(19)]

I appoint the 11th August 2026 as the date on which this canon shall come into force.

Secretaries' Certification of copy of Canon as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Canon above is a copy of the Canon as passed on the 11th day of August 2026.

Dated: 13 August 2026

The Ven Stephen Carnaby
Clerical Secretary

Ms Sarah Crutch
Lay Secretary

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT (DEFENCE FORCE REPRESENTATION IN GENERAL SYNOD) CANON 2026

Canon 9, 2026

The General Synod prescribes as follows.

Title

1. This Canon may be referred to as the "Constitution Amendment (Defence Force Representation in General Synod) Canon 2026".

Enabling amendment

2. In the Constitution in section 17(1)—

   (a) for "each diocese" substitute "each diocese, the Bishop to the Defence Force appointed under a Canon,"; and

   (b) "for "Section 17(8)(a)(ii)" substitute "section 17(8)(a)(ii) or section 17(8)(a)(iia)".

Defence Force members of the House of Clergy

3. In section 17(8)(a)—

   (a) in paragraph (ii), omit "and"; and;

   (b) following section 17(8)(a)(ii) insert—

   "(iia) a bishop, priest or deacon who is a full-time chaplain in the Australia Defence Force, who shall be a member of the House of Clergy;".

Primate's appointment when the canon shall come into force [SO63(19)]

I appoint the 12th August 2026 as the date on which this canon shall come into force.

Secretaries' Certification of copy of Canon as passed [SO63(20)]

We certify that the Canon above is a copy of the Canon as passed on the 12th day of August 2026.

Dated: 13/8/26

The Ven Stephen Carnaby
Clerical Secretary

Ms Sarah Crutch
Lay Secretary