



BISHOP ELECTION STATUTE 2020

The *Bishop Election Statute 2020* as amended by the *Bishop Election Statute Amendment Statute 2022*.

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LONG TITLE

A Bill to provide for the vacation of the office of Bishop of the Diocese of North West Australia and for the election of a candidate for that office when such a vacancy occurs.

PURPOSE

The overriding purposes of this Bill are:

- a) to provide for the vacation of the office of Bishop of the Diocese of North West Australia;
- b) to provide for the election of Candidates for the office of the Bishop of North West Australia;
- c) to provide for the consecration (if necessary) and installation of a candidate elected to the office of the Bishop of North West Australia.

The Synod of the Diocese of North West Australia resolves as follows.

NAME

1. This is the *Bishop Election Statute 2020*.

PART I – PRELIMINARY

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2. In this Statute, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Bishop Elect” means a Candidate who has been elected to the office of Bishop of North West Australia but has not yet been installed at a service.

“Candidate” means a male clergyman duly nominated for election to the office of the Bishop of North West Australia by an Election Synod that is being convened or that is in session, or by a meeting of an Election Committee.

“Canonical fitness” means, as regards a Candidate, that the Candidate:

- (a) has attained at least thirty (30) years of age;
- (b) has been baptised; and
- (c) is in priests’ orders in the Anglican Church.

“Categorically unfit” means, as regards a Candidate, that the Candidate:

- (d) is an undischarged bankrupt;
- (e) has been convicted of an offence punishable by more than ten (10) years imprisonment; or
- (f) has been convicted and found guilty of a sexual offence.

“Clerk of the Synod” means the Clerk of the Synod appointed pursuant to the *Diocesan Synod Statute 2016* and the Standing orders in Schedule 2 thereto;

“Election Committee” means the body established at an Election Synod to elect a Bishop.

“Election Synod” means a special meeting of the Synod convened in accordance with the *Diocesan Synod Statute 2016* for the purpose of electing a Bishop.

“House of Clergy” means the Clergy members of Synod in attendance at an Election Synod.

“House of Laity” means the lay members of Synod in attendance at an Election Synod.

“Minutes Secretary” means the Minutes Secretary appointed pursuant to 17 (3) (d) (ii) whose role is defined in the *Synod Statute 2021* in Schedule 3, 15 (b).

“President” means the person who presides over the Election Synod.

“Returning Officer” means the person elected by resolution at an Election Synod who administers all voting by ballot at an Election Synod.

“Scrutineers” means the persons elected by resolution at an Election Synod who assist the Returning Officer in the Returning Officer’s duties.

PART II – VACATION OF OFFICE

Vacancy in the Office of the Bishop

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(1) The office of the Bishop becomes vacant when the Bishop:

- (a) resigns by an instrument under his hand, which shall:
 - i. be addressed to the Secretary of the Diocesan Council;
 - ii. state the date on which the resignation shall take effect, which date must be before the Bishop’s seventieth (70th) birthday; and
 - iii. be copied to the Metropolitan and to the Primate,in which case the office becomes vacant on the date on which the instrument states that the resignation shall take effect;
- (b) attains the age of seventy (70) years;
- (c) dies;
- (d) is lawfully dismissed according to any Statutes in force in the Diocese; or
- (e) is declared incapable of performing the duties of the Bishop by:

- i. a resolution of the majority of the members of the Diocesan Council; or
 - ii. a civil court having jurisdiction to determine the Bishop's capacity or incapacity.
- (2) For the purpose of determining whether or not to make a declaration under subsection (1)(e)(i), members of the Diocesan Council are authorised to arrange examinations of the Bishop by qualified medical practitioners and to obtain certificates from those medical practitioners as to the Bishop's capacity to perform the duties of the office of Bishop.
- (3) Members of the Diocesan Council shall not make a resolution under subsection (1)(e)(i) unless they have first:
- (a) received certificates from not less than three (3) qualified medical practitioners that the Bishop is incapable by reason of physical or mental incapacity or both of performing the duties of the office of Bishop; and
 - (b) allowed the Bishop a reasonable opportunity to test the evidence obtained by the members of the Diocesan Council, to adduce evidence and to make submissions.

Notification of Vacancy

4. When the office of the Bishop becomes vacant by any event other than the resignation referred to in 3(1)(a), the Administrator shall notify the Metropolitan and the Primate in writing of the vacancy and the reason for the vacancy.

PART III – CONVENING AN ELECTION SYNOD

Summons to Election Synod

5. When the office of the Bishop becomes vacant, the Administrator:
- (1) shall by summons convene an Election Synod, which summons shall:
 - (a) be sent to every Synod member;
 - (b) be issued no later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the vacancy, unless an extension to this period is authorised by a resolution of Diocesan Council;
 - (c) specify the purpose, location, date and time of the Election Synod, which date and time shall be not less than ninety (90) days and not more than one year from the date the office of Bishop becomes vacant;
 - (d) include by way of attachment or hyperlink the full text of this Statute, with all schedules; and
 - (e) include by way of attachment or hyperlink a report on the status of the Diocese, including its financial position, authorised by the Administrator.
 - (2) may, with the agreement of the Dean and Archdeacons, cause to be attached to the Consent to Candidacy form (Schedule 1) a questionnaire for Candidates to provide particular information about themselves to all Synod members.
6. At the request of the Administrator, Diocesan Council may, by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present at a meeting of Diocesan Council, resolve that Synod members may participate in an Election Synod by such electronic or other means as the Diocesan Council thinks fit.
7. If the Diocesan Council makes a resolution pursuant to 6, the Synod may vary the procedures provided by this Statute as it deems best for the efficient despatch of the business of the Synod.

PART IV – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Nominating Candidates

8. After the summons to an Election Synod has been issued, any four Synod members, two as nominators and two as seconders, may write to the Administrator to nominate a Candidate for the office of Bishop, provided:
- (1) the nominators and seconders:
 - (a) are not party to the nomination of any other candidate in the forthcoming Election Synod; and
 - (b) have provided to the Candidate the full text of this Statute including all schedules and the report on the status of the Diocese referred to in 5(1)(e).

- (2) the Candidate:
 - (a) satisfies the requirements of Canonical Fitness;
 - (b) has signed and returned the Consent to Candidacy form (Schedule 1), which requires consent to uphold, if elected, the Fundamental Declarations of the Anglican Church of Australia and the Constitution of the Diocese of North West Australia; including by way of attachment any questionnaire that has been appended to it in accordance with 5(2); and
 - (c) has provided copies of all his letters of orders;
 - (d) has provided a National Police Certificate that will be no older than one month on the date that the letter of nomination referred to in 8(3) is sent;
- (3) the letter of nomination shall:
 - (a) be delivered to the Administrator no later than thirty (30) days before the date fixed for the commencement of the Election Synod;
 - (b) include the statement, "We, the undersigned, hereby nominate [Candidate's full name] for election to the office of Bishop at the forthcoming Election Synod of the Diocese of North West Australia";
 - (c) include by way of attachment the completed Consent to Candidacy form (Schedule 1) including any questionnaire that has been appended to it in accordance with 5(2);
 - (d) include by way of attachment the Candidate's letters of orders referred to in 8(2)(c);
 - (e) include by way of attachment the National Police Certificate referred to in 8(2)(d); and
 - (f) be no longer than 500 words but may include by way of attachment up to 2,000 words of supplementary material in support of the nomination.

Checking the Validity of Nominations

9. Upon receiving a written nomination, the Administrator shall, with reference to the enclosed or attached documentation, determine whether the nomination satisfies the formal requirements of this statute and:
 - (1) if the Administrator determines that the nomination satisfies the formal requirements of this statute, the Administrator shall direct the Registrar to:
 - (a) add the Candidate's name to the list of nominated Candidates submitted for the Election Synod; and
 - (b) cause to be produced a safety report about the Candidate based on information about the Candidate based on the National Police Certificate referred to in 8(2)(d) and on a National Register check conducted by the Director of Professional Standards or other authorised party; or
 - (2) if the Administrator determines that the nomination does not satisfy the formal requirements of this statute, the Administrator shall provide the nominators with the reason or reasons for this determination and invite them to rectify any material deficiency; and
 - (3) If the nominators purport to rectify a deficiency but the Administrator remains of the opinion that the nomination fails to satisfy the formal requirements of this statute, the Administrator shall submit all information relating to the nomination to the Diocesan Council, which shall determine whether or not the Candidate's name shall be added to the list of nominated Candidates submitted for the election Synod according to 9(1)(a).

Communication of Valid Nominees

10. No less than fourteen (14) days before the commencement of the Election Synod, the Administrator shall circulate to all Synod members, in relation to each Candidate, a copy of:
 - (1) the letter to the Administrator pursuant to 9;
 - (2) the completed Consent to Candidacy form (Schedule 1) pursuant to 8(2)(b) including any questionnaire that has been appended to it in accordance with 5(2);
 - (3) any supplementary material pursuant to 8(3)(f); and
 - (4) the safety report produced in accordance with 9(1)(b).

Withdrawal of Nominations

11. Up to thirty (30) days before the commencement of the Election Synod, the nomination of a Candidate may be withdrawn at:
- (1) the written and signed request of the Candidate; or
 - (2) the written and signed request of the nominators and seconders of the Candidate.

PART V – PROCEDURE OF ELECTION SYNOD

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The President

12. The President of Synod:
- (1) shall be a person in bishop's or priest's orders appointed by a resolution of the Diocesan Council; or
 - (2) shall, if the Diocesan Council fails to appoint a President thirty (30) days before the commencement of the Election Synod, be the Administrator, unless the Administrator is a Candidate or is a party to the nomination of a Candidate, in which case the President shall be the person next most qualified to be Administrator pursuant to the *Vicar General and Administrator Statute 2020* who is not also nominated as a Candidate or is a party to the nomination of a Candidate; and
 - (3) shall not vote in any motion at the Election Synod, unless a casting vote is required.

Synod Registration

13. The Registrar shall table a roll of Synod members, certified by the Chair of Committees, with space for each Synod member to confirm attendance at the Election Synod by signature.

Minutes of Synod

14. The Minute Secretary, appointed in accordance with 17(3)(d) shall cause to be recorded minutes of the proceedings of Synod, which minutes shall be noted at the next meeting of the Diocesan Council and tabled at the next meeting of Synod.

Synod Officers

15. The office-bearers of Synod are the President, Clerk, Minutes Secretary, Returning Officer and Scrutineers. The office-bearers:
- (1) shall, if a Synod member, have one normal vote in every round of elections;
 - (2) may not hold any other position that is elected at the Election Synod;
 - (3) may not be or become a nominator or seconder of a Candidate at the Election Synod; and
 - (4) may be replaced as necessary by resolution of the Election Synod if the office-bearer becomes unable to discharge their duties at the Election Synod.

Synod Recess

- 16.
- (1) At any point in the Election Synod, a Synod member may move that there be a recess until a stated day and time for a stated reason.
 - (2) immediately after any recess which exceeds two (2) hours the attendance roll shall again be called in accordance with 17(1). If any roll call establishes that a quorum is no longer present, the President shall adjourn the Election Synod in accordance with 17(2).

INTRODUCTORY STAGE

Synod Opening

17. At the commencement of the Election Synod, the President shall:
- (1) call the roll as per 13 to confirm a quorum, a quorum being at least one third of the House of Clergy and at least one third of the House of Laity; requiring each Synod member present who has not already done so to confirm their attendance at the Election Synod by signing the roll;
 - (2) in the event that quorum is not present, adjourn the Election Synod, advising forthwith all Synod members of the location, date and time to which the Election Synod is being adjourned, which date and time shall not be more than ninety (90) days after the date of the adjournment;

- (3) in the event that a quorum is present, declare the Election Synod open and then:
 - (a) deliver a Bible-based address relevant to the role of a Bishop;
 - (b) explain the procedure of the Election Synod in accordance with this Statute;
 - (c) lead a time of prayer in any such manner as the President determines;
 - (d) invite motions for the elections of
 - i. a Clerk;
 - ii. a Minute Secretary;
 - iii. a Returning Officer; and
 - iv. Four (4) Scrutineers, two (2) of whom must come from the House of Clergy and two (2) of whom must come from the House of Laity; and
 - (e) cause everyone to leave the meeting who:
 - i. is not a Synod member, Returning Officer or Scrutineer; or
 - ii. is a Candidate, with the proviso that any Candidate who is a Synod member may re-join the meeting if that Candidate's nomination shall become lapsed.

NOMINATION STAGE

Confirmation of Nominations

18. After the Introductory Stage set out in 17, the President shall confirm the nominations by this process:
 - (1) the Clerk shall read aloud the valid nominations, in-turn and in alphabetical order by the surname of each Candidate, naming the relevant nominators and seconders;
 - (2) after each Candidate is named, the relevant nominators and seconders shall stand, and the President shall ask them, "Do you confirm your nomination of [Candidate's full name] for election to the office of Bishop of North West Australia", and, if the nominators and seconders reply in the affirmative, shall say: "[Candidate's full name] is duly nominated.";
 - (3) if any of the nominators or seconders is absent or unwilling to stand and confirm the relevant nomination, the President shall invite any member of Synod who is not a nominator or seconder of another Candidate to replace any absent or unwilling nominator or seconder, and:
 - (a) in the event that any absent or unwilling nominator or seconder is replaced, the President shall invite one of the nominators to confirm the nomination in accordance with 16(2); or
 - (b) in the event that any absent or unwilling nominator or seconder is not replaced, the President shall declare that the nomination is withdrawn.

Nominator Presentations

19. After nominations have been confirmed the President shall invite, in-turn and in alphabetical order by the surname of each Candidate, one of the Candidate's nominators or seconders to present in favour of the nomination for up to fifteen (15) minutes, and may use any such media as the nominator or seconder is able to provide.

DELIBERATION STAGE

Speeches from the Floor

20. After the Nomination Stage set out in 18 and 19, a round of deliberation shall begin in which the President shall invite Synod members to identify themselves and speak for up to five (5) minutes. During each round of deliberation, each Synod member may speak only once, provided that nominators or seconders who have spoken in the Nomination Stage shall be entitled to speak once also in each round of the Deliberation Stage.

VOTING STAGE

Moving to Election

21. During a round of deliberation, when no more Synod members who are entitled to speak in accordance with 20 are indicating that they wish to speak, the President shall invite the Synod to move "that Synod do proceed to the election of a Bishop" and:

- (1) if the motion passes, the President shall direct the Returning Officer to administer a round of voting as per 22;
- (2) if the motion fails, the President shall put the motion at 23 (1));

Voting Procedure

22. If the motion “that Synod do proceed to the election of a Bishop” is carried:

- (1) the Returning Officer and Scrutineers shall approve or produce two sets of ballot papers, which ballot papers shall:
 - (a) be clearly identified as for voters in the House of Clergy or for voters in the House of Laity; and
 - (b) list, in alphabetical order, the names of each Candidate whose nomination has been confirmed, has not been withdrawn and has not lapsed before or at the Election Synod;
- (2) the Returning Officer and Scrutineers shall distribute to each Synod member in attendance one ballot paper, appropriate to the Synod member’s membership of the House of Clergy or the House of Laity;
- (3) each Synod member in attendance may mark one ballot paper to indicate a vote for each Candidate they wish to proceed to the next round of deliberation;
- (4) the Returning Officer and Scrutineers shall collect and count the ballot papers in such a manner as to preserve as much as reasonably possible the anonymity of each vote, and record on a document that the Returning Officer shall sign the following results in respect of each House:
 - (a) the number of ballot papers issued;
 - (b) the number of ballot papers collected;
 - (c) the number of informal votes; and
 - (d) the number of valid votes for each candidate;
- (5) if there is any dispute in the vote counting, it shall be resolved by the opinion of the majority of the Returning Officer and the Scrutineers;
- (6) when all ballot papers for a round of voting have been collected and counted, the Returning Officer shall clearly and audibly announce the results indicated in 22(4);
- (7) if, after any round of voting, only one Candidate receives the votes of a majority of the members of the House of Clergy in attendance and the votes of a majority of the members of the House of Laity in attendance:
 - a. the President shall put the motion “That [Candidate’s full name] be invited to be Bishop of North West Australia”, and
 - i. if the motion is carried shall declare “Subject to the provisions of the Bishop Election Statute 2020 and any other relevant Statute of this Diocese, I declare that [Candidate’s full name] is duly elected Bishop of North West Australia”, and shall lead a time of prayer before declaring the Election Synod closed;
 - ii. if the motion is not carried the President shall move the motion at 23 (1);
- (8) if only two Candidates have been nominated for consideration at the Election Synod and in the first round of voting both Candidates receive the votes of a majority of the members of the House of Clergy in attendance and the votes of a majority of the members of the House of Laity in attendance there shall be a fifteen (15) minute recess, and there shall be another round of deliberation followed by another round of voting, following the procedures in 20, 21 and 22, in which both Candidates shall be considered;
- (9) if, after any round of voting, not all Candidates receive the votes of a majority of the members of the House of Clergy in attendance and the votes of a majority of the members of the House of Laity in attendance, then:
 - a. if only one candidate remains the President shall put the motion at 22 (7) (a);
 - b. if more than one candidate remains there shall be a fifteen (15) minute recess, and there shall be another round of deliberation followed by another round of voting, following the procedures in 20, 21 and 22:

(10) if, after any round of voting in which 22 (7) or 22 (8) does not apply, all Candidates receive the votes of a majority of the members of the House of Clergy in attendance and the votes of a majority of the members of the House of Laity in attendance the nomination of the Candidate who received the lowest weighted vote score according to the following formula shall lapse:

$$\text{Weighted Vote Score} = \left(\frac{\text{Candidate's votes in House of Clergy}}{\text{Ballots issued in House of Clergy}} + \frac{\text{Candidate's votes in House of Laity}}{\text{Ballots issued in House of Laity}} \right)$$

- a. if only one candidate remains the President shall put the motion at 22 (7) (a);
- b. if more than one candidate remains there shall be a fifteen (15) minute recess, and there shall be another round of deliberation followed by another round of voting, following the procedures in 20, 21 and 22.

Failure to Achieve a Majority

23. If, after any round of voting, no Candidate receives the majorities of votes required to proceed to a further round of deliberation:
- (1) the President shall invite Synod to move “that an Election Committee be established to elect a Bishop of North West Australia on behalf of this Synod”; or
 - (2) if the motion referred to in 23(1) is not put or is not carried, the President shall adjourn the Election Synod, in accordance with 17(2).

Custody of Records of Voting

24. At the conclusion of all voting at the Election Synod, the Returning Officer shall deliver to the Registrar for safe keeping all completed ballot papers collected and all records of voting created pursuant to 22(4).

PART VI – ELECTION COMMITTEE

Election Committee

25. If the motion referred to in 23(1) is carried, the Election Committee shall consist of:
- (1) the Administrator, who shall be Chair of the Election Committee, as well as the four Clergy next most qualified to act as Administrator pursuant to the *Diocesan Administration Statute 1961*; and
 - (2) up to five Synod members from the House of Laity elected from those in attendance at the Election Synod at which the motion referred to in 23(1) was carried.

Election of Laity to the Election Committee

26. To elect members of the House of Laity to the Election Committee:
- (1) nominations shall be moved by members of the House of Laity, with the consent of the nominees; and
 - (2) if the number of nominations equals five (5), those five (5) people are immediately considered elected to the Election Committee;
 - (3) if the number of nominations is greater than five (5), the Returning Officer shall administer a vote by ballot, as follows:
 - (a) the Returning Officer and Scrutineers shall provide one ballot paper to each member of the House of Laity in attendance, each ballot paper bearing the names of the nominees for election to the Election Committee in alphabetical order by surname;
 - (b) members of the House of Laity shall be instructed to mark the ballot paper with the numerals ‘1’, ‘2’, ‘3’, ‘4’ and ‘5’ to indicate votes for up to five nominees, with those numerals indicating declining preference;
 - (c) the Returning Officer shall count the ballot papers in such a manner as to preserve as much as reasonably possible the anonymity of each vote, recording on a document that the Returning Officer shall sign the following results:

- i. the number of ballot papers issued;
 - ii. the number of ballot papers collected;
 - iii. the number of informal votes; and
 - iv. the points achieved by each nominee according to the following legend:

‘1’ Vote	‘2’ Vote	‘3’ Vote	‘4’ Vote	‘5’ Vote
5 Points	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point
 - v. the names of the five nominees who achieved the most points;
- (d) the five nominees who achieve the most points and shall be declared elected to the Election Committee;
 - (e) if there is any dispute in the vote counting it shall be resolved by the opinion of the majority of the Returning Officer and the Scrutineers;
 - (f) when ballot papers have been collected and counted, the Returning Officer shall clearly and audibly announce the results indicated in 26(3)(c); and
 - (g) the President shall lead a time of prayer and declare the Election Synod closed.

Election Committee Terms of Reference

27. The Committee shall meet as soon and as often as practicable, in person or by electronic means, and shall:
- (1) elect, from its members, a Secretary, who shall minute any meetings, which minutes shall be subject to confirmation at any following meetings of the Election Committee, or, after the Committee elects a Candidate, shall be submitted for noting at the next meeting of Diocesan Council and tabled at the next meeting of Synod; and
 - (2) conduct any such deliberations as may be necessary to elect a Candidate for the office of Bishop of North West Australia, subject to the nomination criteria in 8(2);
 - (3) elect a Candidate by resolution passed by the majority of current members of the Election Committee that: “Subject to the provisions of the *Bishop Election Statute 2020* and any other relevant Statute in effect in this Diocese, [Candidate’s Full Name] is duly elected Bishop of North West Australia.”; and
 - (4) be considered dissolved after the installation service for the Bishop Elect referred to in 28(2)(c).

PART VII – PROCEDURE AFTER ELECTION

Communication of the Results of the Election

- 28.
- (1) When a Candidate has been duly elected Bishop of North West Australia by an Election Synod or by an Election Committee elected by an Election Synod, the Administrator shall request in writing that the Candidate indicate his acceptance of the office in a signed letter to the Administrator, which shall be stored by the Registry, which shall include the statement “I [Candidate’s full name] hereby accept the office of the Bishop of North West Australia, and will cooperate with all requirements for my installation into that office within ninety (90) days, unless that period is extended by a resolution of Diocesan Council.”
 - (2) Upon receipt of the letter referred to in 28(1) the Administrator shall:
 - (a) as soon as practicable notify all Synod members, the Metropolitan and the Primate:
 - i. that the Candidate is, until the installation service, Bishop Elect of North West Australia;
 - ii. if applicable, of the location, date and time of the Bishop Elect’s consecration service; and
 - iii. of the date and time of the Bishop Elect’s installation service.
 - (b) if the Candidate is not already consecrated as a bishop, make arrangements for a consecration service approved by Diocesan Council;
 - (c) make arrangements for a service to install the Bishop Elect as the Bishop of North West Australia on a date within the period prescribed in 28(1).

Bishop Elect Does Not Accept Office of Bishop

29. If a Candidate who has been duly elected to the office of the Bishop of North West Australia, shall fail to indicate his acceptance of that office within thirty (30) days after the Administrator requests in writing that he do so, or within such further period as the Diocesan Council resolves:
- (1) if an Election Committee has been established, the Election Committee shall continue meeting to elect a Candidate for the office of Bishop of North West Australia in accordance with 27; otherwise
 - (2) the Administrator shall convene an Election Synod in accordance with 5, for which purpose the vacancy shall be taken to have occurred on the date on which the most recent Election Synod was declared closed.

Categorical Unfitness Discovered After Election

30. If the Administrator receives information which suggests that a Candidate or Bishop Elect is Categorically Unfit for the office of Bishop:
- (1) Diocesan Council shall cause an investigation to be carried out, and if, after putting to the Candidate or Bishop Elect all relevant matters and permitting the Candidate or Bishop Elect to adduce evidence and make submissions, the Diocesan Council finds that the Candidate or Bishop Elect is Categorically Unfit, it may, by resolution made before the installation service of that Candidate or Bishop Elect, annul the election of that Candidate or Bishop Elect;
 - (2) in the event that Diocesan Council by resolution annuls the election of a Candidate or Bishop Elect in accordance with 30(1) it shall notify the Synod members, the Metropolitan and the Primate of the annulment and convene an Election Synod in accordance with 5 and for that purpose, the vacancy shall be taken to have occurred on the day that the Diocesan Council resolved to annul the election.

Repeal

- 31.
- (1) The Consecration of Bishop's Canon 1966 Adopting Statute 1970, the Bishop's Resignation Statute 1978 and the Election of a Bishop Statute 2008 are repealed.
 - (2) The Consecration of Bishop's Canon 1966 is excluded and has no effect in the Diocese of North West Australia.

REGULATIONS

The Synod or Council of the Diocese may from time to time make, amend or repeal regulations (e.g. policies and procedures) not inconsistent with the provisions of this Statute providing for records arising out of or incidental to the operation of this Statute and for all or any of the purposes, whether general or to meet particular cases, which may be convenient for the administration of this Statute or which may be necessary or expedient to carry out the overriding purposes of this Statute.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Review

The Synod or Council of the Diocese will review the operation of this Statute on or before six years after its commencement.

Records management

The Registry maintains all records relevant to administering this Statute using its recordkeeping system.

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSENT

I Assent to this Statute.

G NELSON
Bishop

SCHEDULE 1

CONSENT TO CANDIDACY FORM

Candidate's Full Name

Candidate's Date of Birth

Tertiary Qualifications

Qualification	Institution	Dates

Ministry Positions

Position	Organisation	Dates

Affirmations and Consent:

- I have been provided the full text of the *Bishop Election Statute 2020* including the report on the status of the Diocese referred to in 5 (e) of that Statute;
- I satisfy the requirements of Canonical Fitness and know of no reason that I am Categorically Unfit for the office of Bishop of North West Australia, in accordance with the *Bishop Election Statute 2020*;
- Information about me that may be on the National Register may be accessed by the Registrar of the Diocese of North West Australia and shared with Synod members before the forthcoming Election Synod;
- If I am elected Bishop of North West Australia, I will uphold the Fundamental Declarations of the Anglican Church of Australia and the Constitution of the Diocese of North West Australia;
- If I am elected Bishop of North West Australia, the authorised party or parties may at any time I hold that office obtain certificates from duly qualified medical practitioners regarding my mental or physical capacity or incapacity to discharge the duties of that office.

Signature

Date

With the agreement of the Dean and the Archdeacons, there may be appended to this a questionnaire for Candidates to provide particular information about themselves to all Synod members. If that is the case, please complete that questionnaire and return it to your nominators along with this form as well as copies of all your letters of orders and a National Police Certificate that will be no older than twelve (12) months at the commencement of the Election Synod. This material will only to be shared and stored within the Diocesan Registry or with members of the Synod of the Diocese of North West Australia in accordance with the Diocesan Privacy Policy.