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**GENERAL SYNOD — THE USE OF THE SURPLICE CANON 1977  
ADOPTING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 1988**

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No. 31, 1988

**AN ORDINANCE to amend the General Synod — The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1977-1985.**

**WHEREAS:**

A. A certain canon entitled The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 was passed by the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia and adopted by the Synod of this Diocese in the General Synod — The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1977-1985 (hereinafter called the "Principal Ordinance").

B. The Principal Ordinance provided in clause 3 that the relief from wearing the surplice as provided therein should only apply within the Diocese up to and including 31 October 1988 after which date such provision for relief would no longer be in force.

C. It is expedient that the Principal Ordinance be amended to permit the continued relief from wearing the surplice as provided by that Ordinance and to extend such relief and provide for certain other matters necessary and incidental to the practical operation of the Principal Ordinance.

**NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows.**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "General Synod — The Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 1988".
2. Clause 3 of the Principal Ordinance is amended:—
  - (a) by inserting the word "concerned" after the words "rector or minister" in subclause (3); and
  - (b) by omitting "1988" in subclause (5) and by inserting instead "1993".
3. Clause 7 of the Principal Ordinance is amended:—
  - (a) by inserting the following words after "Ordinance":

"that has been reported to the Archbishop-in-Council within a period of four (4) months following the incident referred to in the question or dispute"; and
  - (b) by inserting the following words at the end of the clause:

"provided that if a clergyman, within 14 days of the termination of a dispute, undertakes to the Archbishop to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance in future and does in fact comply, no charge shall be laid before the Diocesan Tribunal".

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4. The Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting the following clause after clause 7:

"8. (1) The Archbishop-in-Council or a Disputes Committee, as the case may be, shall enter into the consideration of any such question or dispute as aforesaid only upon the application of some persons or persons interested therein and for the purpose of determining the same, the Archbishop-in-Council or a Disputes Committee, as the case may be, may give all such notices and make such enquiries and do all such things as shall appear reasonable and proper in the circumstances.

(2) The Archbishop-in-Council or a Disputes Committee, as the case may be, shall in its absolute discretion be at liberty to dismiss any question or dispute arising under this Ordinance if the person who has or the persons who have raised the question or dispute do not provide the Archbishop-in-Council or the Disputes Committee with all information that may be required so that the matter may be dealt with as reasonably expeditiously as possible."

5. Clause 9 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the matter "-1985".

6. The Principal Ordinance is amended by renumbering clauses 8 and 9 as 9 and 10.

I CERTIFY that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as report.

N.M. CAMERON  
Deputy Chairman of Committees

WE CERTIFY that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on this 14th day of October 1988.

G.K. CLIFTON  
W.G.S. GOTLEY  
Secretaries of Synod

I ASSENT to this Ordinance

DONAL ROBINSON  
Archbishop of Sydney

14/10/1988