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## **Proposal to Change the Provisional Parish of Rozelle/Lilyfield to a Parish**

(A report from the South Sydney Regional Council)

### **Initiation of Proposal**

1. A proposal was made to the Archbishop by the Minister and Churchwardens of the provisional parish of Rozelle/ Lilyfield under Clause 4 (1)(b) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979.

### **Details of Meeting**

2. A meeting of the South Sydney Regional Council was held on 18 August 1999 to consider the proposal under Clause 5 of the Ordinance.

3. South Sydney Regional Council certified that all procedural requirements under Clause 4 and 6 have been complied with.

### **Proposal**

4. The proposal is to change the Provisional Parish to a Parish.

5. The provisional parish has applied after the consolidation of two provisional parishes into one and consequent upon an effective church planting venture.

### **Parish Information**

6. There has been sustained and steady growth in attendances, and there is a clearly articulated ministry strategy which has marked the outreach.

7. In a total population of 10257 some 2051 persons still claim affiliation with the Anglican Church. The church serves an area of the inner city which is increasingly secular (41% have no religion according to the census). The community attracts young single people with relatively high amounts of disposable income. Only 36% of those within the parish are married. The percentage of non-English-speaking people in the community is relatively modest at 15% and there is no predominant ethnic group.

8. The provisional parish employs an assistant minister (the Rev Jill Williams), a lay stipendiary minister (Mr Chad Hafer, who is responsible for 'Plunge', a postmodern church-planting experiment), a pastoral care worker (part-time) and an administrator (part-time). The provisional parish wants to expand its children's and youth ministry in the near future by appointing another part-time worker. The work among young families has borne fruit with the Sunday morning children's program booming (50 children under 5, 20 in Infants, 25 in Primary and 3 in Junior High). A junior teen youth group has commenced mid week with 12-15 people per week. Schools ministry is a priority.

9. The provisional parish now has 230 regular worshipers. The average weekly attendances are as follows -

St Thomas'	8.45 am	20
	10.15 am	100 (plus 50 children)
	7.00 pm	60
St Mark's (a.k.a Plunge)	10.00 am	50

#### Particulars of Church Trust Property

10. Details of property held by the Property Trust upon trust for Rozelle/Lilyfield are as follows -

Property	Value of Land and Improvements*	Condition of Building
St Thomas' Rozelle Church	\$1,661,000	Good
Church hall	\$658,000	Good
Rectory	\$494,000	Good
Garage, 668 Darling St, Rozelle	\$17,000	Good
St Mark's Lilyfield Church and Office, 31 O'Neill St, Lilyfield	\$158,000	Good
House, 42 Lamb St	\$85,000	Good

\* Excludes contents valued at \$660,000 in the 1998 Financial Statements.

#### Summary of Consolidated Receipts and Payments

11. A summary of the financial position over the past 3 years and budget for 1999 are as follows -

	1996	1997	1998	Budget 1999
<b>Receipts</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Offerories	117,669	161,380	184,666	183,100
Missions	3,537	3,580	5,122	5,280
Rent/ Interest	51,545	52,861	27,199	39,000
Donations	36,921	12,500	656	-
Redemption				
Invest.	14,223	21,022	22,481	20,400
Grants	14,500	14,000	9,996	8,000
Legacies	20,000	-	-	-
Other	25,008	10,871	20,551	9,680
<b>Totals</b>	<b>283,404</b>	<b>256,214</b>	<b>270,671</b>	<b>265,460</b>

	1996	1997	1998	Budget 1999
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Stipend, salaries	82,826	130,220	155,697	161,990
Cost Recovery				
Charges	8,455	8,583	16,470	16,500
Printing,	5,184	9,021	10,286	10,020
Stationery				
Repairs,	10,176	20,847	10,143	11,400
Maintenance	517	1,561	1,152	1,500
Insurance	5,732	5,578	5,676	5,580
Electricity	2,698	9,748	21,328	24,385
Missions	51,867 <sup>1</sup>	40,414 <sup>1</sup>	66,219 <sup>1</sup>	5,000
Prop.	-	-	2,777	-
Improvements	-	37,071 <sup>2</sup>	32,595 <sup>2</sup>	28,990
Equipment				
Other				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>216,298</b>	<b>263,043</b>	<b>322,343</b>	<b>265,365</b>

<sup>1</sup> Considerable sums of money were needed to repair the rectory and to transform St Thomas' Rozelle to make it suitable for a contemporary congregation.

<sup>2</sup> Includes rent for Assistant Minister housing and for Orange Grove Public School where Lilyfield Community Church commenced.

12. A summary of assets and liabilities at December 1998 follows -

<b>Assets</b>	
Land, buildings and contents	\$4,631,000
Investments	345,403
Current	44,204
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,020,607</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current	-
Non current	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,020,607</b>

13. Archdeacon Trevor Edwards warmly supports the application.

**Recommendation**

14. The South Sydney Regional Council recommends that the Provisional Parish of Rozelle/ Lilyfield become a Parish from 1 January 2000.

For and on behalf of the South Sydney Regional Council.

TREVOR EDWARDS  
*Archdeacon of South Sydney*

20 August 1999