

**DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE**  
**BISHOP RETIREMENT ORDINANCE 2013**

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the retirement of the Bishop of the See of Armidale at a certain age.

The Bishop Retirement Ordinance 1966-2000 is hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not affect the past operation thereof, nor anything done or commenced, nor any right, privilege or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred thereunder; nor shall it revive any Ordinance heretofore repealed.

The Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Armidale (Diocese) assembled in pursuance of the powers conferred on it by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the Anglican Church of Australia within the State of New South Wales ORDAINS AND RULES as follows:

**NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO VACATE THE SEE OF ARMIDALE**

1. The Bishop of the Diocese may at any time prior to his attaining the age of sixty four (64) years give formal notice to the Diocesan Council of his intention to resign from his position as Bishop of the Diocese and on receipt of such notice and communication thereof to the Metropolitan his resignation shall become effective six months after the date thereof and as and from that date the See of the Bishop of Armidale shall become vacant.
2. On his attaining the age one year less than the age at which he would become eligible to receive a pension under the *Social Security Act 1947* or any succeeding Act, the Bishop of the Diocese shall, prior to the next Session of the Diocesan Synod, submit his resignation as Bishop of the Diocese to the Metropolitan and, subject to this Ordinance, the resignation shall take effect as from the date of his attainment of the age at which he would otherwise become eligible to qualify for the pension under the *Social Security Act 1947*, or any succeeding Act.
3. This Ordinance may be cited and known as “The Bishop Retirement Ordinance 2013”.