

DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE
NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME ORDINANCE No. 1 of 2019

Long Title

An ordinance to authorise the Anglican Diocese of Armidale and the Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Armidale to join the National Redress Scheme and to set out liability arrangements.

Preamble

Whereas:

- A. *The National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* has established a Commonwealth scheme (The National Redress Scheme) whereby survivors of such child sexual abuse can receive appropriate redress.
- B. The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia has established an Anglican Participating Group and representative entity (The Anglican Representative (National Redress Scheme) Limited [ARNRSL]) to enable all dioceses, Anglican schools and agencies to become participating institutions in the National Redress Scheme.
- C. The Anglican Diocese of Armidale has been invited to join the Anglican Participating Group.
- D. To join the Anglican Participating Group the Diocese must establish that it is able to meet any liabilities which may arise.
- E. The Third Session of the Forty-Ninth Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Armidale passed a motion that recognises the concern of the Diocese for those who have suffered child sexual abuse within the parishes and institutions of the Diocese and authorises the Diocesan Council to pass an ordinance that would have the Anglican Diocese of Armidale join the National Redress Scheme as part of the Anglican Participating Group.

The Diocesan Council of the Anglican Diocese of Armidale ordains and rules as follows:

Definitions

1. Definitions

Anglican Participating Group: the Participating Group of the National Redress Scheme established by General Synod.

Current Parochial Districts: the Parishes and Special Districts of the Diocese

recognised in accordance with the *Parish Governance and Administration Ordinance 2015* on 30 June 2018.

Diocesan Entity: any or all of the entities listed in Schedule A.

Diocesan Funds: Funds that are under the control of the Synod and identified by the Diocesan Council from time to time by resolution for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Diocese: the Anglican Diocese of Armidale.

General Synod: the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia including the Standing Committee of the General Synod.

Historic Parochial Districts: any Parish or Special District of the Diocese existing prior to 30 June 2018 but not in existence on that date.

National Redress Scheme: the scheme established by the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* (Cth).

Registrar: the Registrar of the Diocese.

Synod: the Synod of the Diocese.

Joining the National Redress Scheme

2. The Registrar is authorised to submit applications for the Anglican Diocese of Armidale and The Corporate Trustees of the Anglican Diocese of Armidale to become participating institutions in the National Redress Scheme as part of the Anglican Participating Group.

Defining the Scope of the Anglican Diocese of Armidale

3. For the purposes of participating in the National Redress Scheme, the Anglican Diocese of Armidale shall be deemed to include all Current Parochial Districts, all Historic Parochial Districts and all Diocesan Entities.
4. An organisation or other body may apply to the Diocesan Council to be listed as Diocesan Entity from time to time.
5. The Diocesan Council may, by resolution, amend Schedule A from time to time.

Funding Liabilities Arising from Participation in the National Redress Scheme

6. Subject to the terms of the trusts on which any property is held, the Anglican Diocese of Armidale shall have access to Diocesan Funds and assets held by the Diocese and

Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Armidale for the purposes of settling liabilities arising from its participation in the National Redress Scheme.

7. This Ordinance may be cited and known as “The National Redress Scheme Ordinance 2019”.

SCHEDULE A
DIOCESAN ENTITIES

Anglican Counselling Service Diocese of Armidale

Anglican Women of the Armidale Diocese

Anglicare New England North-West

Anglicare Northern Inland

Armidale Diocese Anglican Counselling Training Service

Boys Brigade (as run by a church of the Anglican Diocese of Armidale)

Church of England Boys Society (CEBS) (as operating in the Anglican Diocese of Armidale)

Church of England Girls Society (CEGS) (as operating in the Anglican Diocese of Armidale)

College of Counselling Studies (New England/North West) (2008 to May 2016)

Coventry Home

Cursillo (as operating within the Anglican Diocese of Armidale)

Diocesan Council

Diocesan Youth Unit, including the various camps and events that have been run by the unit.

Diocese of Armidale Men's Conference

Diocese of Armidale Women's Conference

Girls Brigade (as run by a church of the Anglican Diocese of Armidale)

Girls Friendly Society (as operating in the Anglican Diocese of Armidale)

Lois Reid College of Counselling Studies

Mothers Union (as operating in the Anglican Diocese of Armidale)

New Life

Ohio Boys' Home

St. John's Hostel

The Anglican Boys Society (TABS) (as operating in the Anglican Diocese of Armidale)

The Anglican Girls Society (TAGS) (as operating in the Anglican Diocese of Armidale)