



Anglican Diocese  
of Adelaide



**SYNOD 2021**

**SUPPLEMENTARY  
PAPERS**

10.1 Question Regarding Diocesan Council Delegations  
Submitted by The Revd Dr Warren Huffa

The *Principles of Delegations Policy* adopted by Diocesan Council in 2018 “record(s) the principles that govern when and how other entities and staff within the Synod can be granted delegated authority to act on behalf of the Synod.” Such delegates “may have limits or conditions attached to the delegation.”

Is there a list of all such delegations, with limits or conditions attached, granted by Diocesan Council to any sub-committee, other entity, or members of staff? If so, can this list please be supplied to members of Synod? If it does not exist, could the Secretary of Synod please construct such a list and supply it to members of Synod?

**Answer:**

A Delegations Register listing delegations granted by Diocesan Council and setting out limitations and conditions was first adopted by the Diocesan Council on 28 November 2018.

A copy of the current Delegations Register is available on the Synod 2021 Website and a copy is available for perusal at the Synod Administration Desk.

## 10.2 Consent and Respectful Relationships

Submitted by Rev'd Paula Bullock and Rev'd Mike Russell

In 2021, there has been widespread conversation, public debate and reporting on gender-based violence, that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women.

On Australia Day, Grace Tame, sexual abuse survivor, activist and advocate for survivors of sexual assault, was named Australian of the Year.

In February, Brittany Higgins spoke out about her alleged rape in Federal Parliament. She called for reform to parliament culture and inspired other Australian women to report their allegations of sexual assault, triggering #MeToo protests nationwide.

Chantel Contos, who was sexually assaulted at 13, began an online petition on Instagram, which led to the posting of hundreds of testimonies from former Sydney schoolgirls about sexual assaults they had experienced at the hands of their male peers. Some of these young women attended Anglican Diocesan schools in Sydney.

Could the President please inform the Synod:

(1) what proactive steps he would like Anglican Schools to take to ensure they promote and support education regarding consent, and respectful relationships, for students, staff and the wider school communities?

(2) what proactive steps he would like Anglican Schools to take to ensure they have best practice in policies and procedures regarding reporting alleged incidents of sexual assault in school contexts, and supporting those who do?

(3) what resources and opportunities, from a Biblical and Christian perspective, could be drawn upon by the Anglican community, which includes schools, for promoting respectful relationships, and that acknowledge everybody's responsibility to uphold the dignity of girls and women who are made in God's image.

#### 24. Supplementary Paper – missing page Parochial Administration Ordinance

Page 31 of the Parochial Administration Ordinance was inadvertently omitted from the Synod papers which were provided to Synod members (between page 134 and 135 of the Notice Paper). The missing page is attached. Please note, the missing page is not affected by the provisions of the amending Measure.

Parochial Administration Ordinance  
(omitted from printed papers: insert between page 134 and 135)

- (b) The liability of the Synod or any officers of the Synod or of the parish for personal injury or damage to property; and
- (c) Personal injury by accident to voluntary workers.

The amounts paid or payable by the Synod on behalf of the parish pursuant to this section shall be paid on demand by the Parish Council to the Synod or to such person or body as the Synod may from time to time direct.

- (4) The Parish Council shall be entitled in the name and on behalf of the Synod to settle any claim or apply and expend the whole or any part of the proceeds received from any policy of insurance effected pursuant to sub-section (1) to replace, repair or rebuild the lost or damaged property or for any other purpose whatsoever where the aggregate amount of such claim or such proceeds does not exceed the amount fixed from time to time by the Diocesan Council for the entering into by the Parish of any agreement, contract or arrangement in accordance with Section 85 of this Ordinance. In all other cases the settlement of any insurance claim and the application and expenditure of any proceeds received therefrom shall be determined by the Diocesan Council which shall have regard to any expressed wish of the Parish Council.

Contracts by Parish

- 85. The Parish Council shall not enter into any agreement contract or arrangement at any time for the maintenance of property for the time being subject to the provisions of this Ordinance or for the erection of any building on Parish Trust Property for an amount in excess of the amount fixed from time to time by the Diocesan Council without the prior written consent of the Diocesan Council.

Parish Contracts and Synod Loans to Parishes Guaranteed by the Synod

- 85A (1) The Synod may
  - (a) agree to act as Guarantor of the undischarged obligations of a Parish Council with respect to any agreement, contract or arrangement;
  - (b) lend money to a Parish Council for any proper purpose upon such terms and conditions as the Synod shall think fit.

The provisions of this section shall apply as between the Synod and the Parish Council to any agreement, guarantee or loan.

- (2) (a) If the Parish Council shall default in the performance of a Parish Obligation which has been guaranteed by the Synod and a demand is made upon the Synod to perform that obligation then the Synod shall forthwith give notice to the Parish Council that it has received such demand and call upon the Parish Council to remedy the default;
- (b) If the Parish Council shall default in the performance of a Parish Obligation under an agreement for a loan from the Synod, the Synod

### **35. Motion Without Notice**

#### **Motion Regarding Diocesan Council Delegations**

Synod respectfully asks that in each year all delegates (as defined in the *Principles of Delegations Policy*) provide a report to Synod with, at minimum, similar detail of scope of activity, decisions, resolutions, or outcomes as does Diocesan Council in their annual report to Synod.

**Moved: Revd Dr Warren Huffa**

**Seconded: Ms Ann Nadge**