

PART 3B—ANGLICAN MINISTRY PRESENCE

8G Formation of an Anglican ministry presence

- (1) The Archbishop in Council may authorize the formation of an Anglican ministry presence in an area of identified strategic importance.
- (2) The Archbishop in Council must make and publish guidelines for the purpose of sub-section (1) and must act in conformity with those guidelines.
- (3) The Archbishop may license a clerk to an Anglican ministry presence formed under this section."

SECTION 19

Section 19 of the principal Act is amended as follows:

After sub-section (2) insert:

(2A) Subject to sub-sections (2B) and (3A), a person is a disqualified person in relation to election or appointment to—

- (a) a parish council (whether as a churchwarden or other member);
- (b) a vestry (whether as a churchwarden or other member); or
- (c) an incumbency committee—

if—

(d) as a result of an election that is about to take place that person would or may become a member of that parish council, that vestry, or that incumbency committee at the same time as the spouse or domestic partner of that person is also a member of that same parish council, vestry or incumbency committee; or

(e) as a result of an appointment that person has become a member of that parish council, that vestry, or that incumbency committee at the same time as the spouse or domestic partner of that person is also a member of that same parish council, vestry or incumbency committee.

(2B) Sub-section (2A) does not operate to prevent a person who becomes while in office the spouse or domestic partner of another person who is a member of the same parish council, vestry or incumbency committee from completing that term of office."

After sub-section (3) insert:

(3A) The Archbishop in Council may exempt a person in whole or in part from the application of sub-section (2A), and for such period, on such conditions, and in relation to such positions or offices as it determines, and a person in respect of whom an exemption currently applies is not to the extent of that exemption a disqualified person for the purposes of that sub-section."

(3B) In this section—

domestic partner of a person means a person with whom the person is in a domestic relationship that is—

- (a) a registered domestic relationship within the meaning of the *Relationships Act 2008* (Vic); or
- (b) a relationship between two persons who are not married to each other but who are living together as a couple on a genuine domestic basis (irrespective of gender).

spouse means the person to whom a person is married."

SCHEDULE (Parish Rules for Meetings and Officers)—

in rule 10 after rule 10.4 **insert:**

10.5 The vicar may not appoint a person to be a churchwarden or a member of the parish council without their prior consent."

in rule 14.1 after paragraph (b) **insert:**

(ba) is or becomes a member of the immediate family of the incumbent, of an authorized stipendiary lay minister authorized for service in the parish, or of clerk in holy orders licensed or authorized for service in the parish who is in receipt of a stipend or other regular remuneration from the parish; or,";

in rule 14.2(b) for "the incumbent" **substitute** "another churchwarden