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## Statutory Declaration for Board & Committee Members

### Introduction

This declaration pertains to any person who seeks to be elected or appointed as a member of the following Diocesan Boards or Committees:

- Bishop in Council
- Ministry Executive
- Anglican Diocesan Services Board
- Anglican Church Property Trust
- Clergy Appointment Board (Diocesan Panel)
- Diocesan Schools Council
- Professional Standard Board
- Professional Standards Committee

### Instructions:

Please complete the *Statutory Declaration* and ask your Rector / Priest-in-charge to witness it and then submit it with your nomination form to Safe Communities Unit.

I .....(Name)

of .....(Address)

do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. This declaration is made in support of my nomination for election or appointment to a Diocesan Board or Committee.
2. I was born on .....
3. I declare I am 18 years or over and have been a communicant member of the Anglican Church for at least 12 months.
4. I declare that I am not:
  - a. an undischarged bankrupt; or
  - b. a prohibited person<sup>1</sup> or
  - c. a person who, if they were resident in NSW, would be a prohibited person; or

<sup>1</sup> A prohibited person is someone who is a registrable person as defined in the *Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000* or has been convicted of one of the following offences:

- murder of a child;
- serious sex offence, including carnal knowledge;
- child-related personal violence offence (an offence committed by an adult involving intentionally wounding or causing grievous bodily harm to a child);
- indecency offences punishable by imprisonment of 12 months or more;
- kidnapping (unless the offender is or has been the child's parent or carer);
- offences connected with child prostitution;
- possession, distribution or publication of child pornography; or
- attempt, conspiracy or incitement to commit the above offences.

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4. (*cont*) I declare that I am not:
- d. a person in respect of whom information has been entered on the National Register<sup>2</sup>; or
  - e. a person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by more than 10 years imprisonment; or
  - f. a person who has been convicted or found guilty of a sexual offence.
5. I have not ever engaged in any of the following conduct, even though never having been charged
- a. sexual contact with someone under my care other than your spouse (such as a parishioner, client, patient, student, employee or subordinate); or
  - b. sexual contact with a person under the age of consent; or
  - c. illegal use, production, sale or distribution of pornographic materials, or
  - d. conduct likely to cause harm to a child, young person or vulnerable adult, or to put them at risk of harm.
6. I have not had permission to undertake paid or voluntary work with children, young people or vulnerable adults refused, suspended or withdrawn in Australia or any other country.
7. I have not ever had an apprehended violence order, order for protection or the like issued against me as a result of allegations of violence, abuse, likely harm, harassment or stalking.
6. I further declare that I am not mentally incapacitated<sup>3</sup>.
7. I understand that checks may be made to verify the above and hereby give permission for any police checks that may be necessary.
8. If there are any changes in regard to the above I will notify the Bishop's Office.

And I make this declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and in accordance with the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.

Signed at:..... this day of..... year.....

Signature: .....

**Rector / Priest-in-charge:**

Name: ..... Signature: .....

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<sup>2</sup> The National Register is a register established by a canon of the National Church containing details of complaints of sexual misconduct or child abuse made against clergy and lay people which have been made to, or dealt with by, a church body.

<sup>3</sup> **Mental incapacity** means a person who has a **mental incapacity** within the meaning of the *Mental Health Act 2007* (NSW) or *Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act 2004* (ACT) or a person who is a managed person within the meaning of Chapter 4 of the *NSW Trustee and Guardianship Act 2009* (NSW) or a person for whom a guardian has been appointed because the person has an impaired decision-making ability within the meaning of the *Guardianship and Management of Property Act 1991* (ACT).