

# **DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

## **BILL NO 1**

### **THE WAIKATO AND TARANAKI DIOCESAN STATUTE OF SYNOD AMENDMENT BILL 2026**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

1. **TITLE**

This Statute is the Waikato and Taranaki Diocesan Statute of Synod Amendment Statute 2026.

2. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to amend Statute No. 2 (The Waikato and Taranaki Diocesan Statute of Synod 2014) to —

- (a) provide for the representation of the Anglican Schools of the Diocese in Synod, by adding, for each Anglican School, two members of Synod (ordinarily one of whom must be a learner enrolled at the school) appointed by the school's senior leadership; and
- (b) establish the office of Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese as a deputy to the Chancellor, and to make the Vice-Chancellor a member of Synod.

3. **COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute shall come into force at the close of the session of Synod at which it is enacted.

4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE WAIKATO AND TARANAKI DIOCESAN STATUTE OF SYNOD 2014 (STATUTE NO. 2)**

- (1) Clause 4 (Interpretation) is amended by inserting in their appropriate alphabetical order the following definitions:

*“Anglican School means a school situated within the Diocese that has an established Anglican special character and in respect of which the Bishop of the Diocese exercises episcopal oversight, whether as Visitor of the school or by licensing the chaplain or chaplaincy ministry of the school; and includes any other school of established Anglican special character within the Diocese that the Bishop, with the concurrence of Standing Committee, recognises as an Anglican School for the purposes of this Statute.”*

*“Vice-Chancellor means a person for the time being holding office as Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese under clause 6(7).”*

- (2) Clause 6(1) is amended, in paragraph (e), by inserting after “the Chancellor” the words “and the Vice-Chancellor”.

- (3) Clause 6 is amended by inserting, after subclause (6), the following subclause:

*“(7) Vice-Chancellor —*

*(a) there shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese, appointed by the Bishop;*

*(b) a person appointed as Vice-Chancellor must hold the qualifications required for appointment as Chancellor, being a member of this Church who is enrolled as a barrister or solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand of not less than seven years’ standing, or who holds similar qualifications and experience;*

*(c) the Vice-Chancellor assists the Chancellor, and may exercise the functions and powers of the Chancellor when the Chancellor is for any reason unable to act, and to such further extent as the Chancellor or the Bishop may direct; and*

*(d) the Vice-Chancellor holds office at the pleasure of the Bishop, and the office becomes vacant on resignation, on revocation of the appointment by the Bishop, or on the person ceasing to be qualified.”*

- (4) Clause 6(1) is further amended by inserting, after paragraph (o), the following paragraph:

*“(p) in respect of each Anglican School of the Diocese, two representatives appointed by the Principal, together with the senior leadership team, of that school (of whom at least one must be a learner, except as provided in clause 6(8)); each of whom is a full member of Synod with the right to speak and to vote.”*

- (5) Clause 6 is amended by inserting, after subclause (7), the following subclause:

*“(8) In relation to representatives appointed under clause 6(1)(p) —*

*(a) subject to paragraph (b), at least one of the two representatives of each school must be a learner enrolled at that school who meets the requirements of paragraph (d);*

*(b) where a school has no learner who meets the requirements of paragraph (d), both representatives may be persons of the kind described in paragraph (e);*

*(c) a representative who is not a learner holds office for the same term as a Synod Representative, and a representative who is a learner is appointed for each session of Synod and holds office for that session only; in each case unless the representative resigns earlier or the office becomes vacant under clause 13, and the office of a learner also becomes vacant if he or she ceases to be enrolled at the school;*

*(d) a representative who is a learner must be at least 16 years of age and baptised;*

*(e) any representative who is not a learner must be a member of the staff of the school; and*

*(f) a representative may not at the same time be counted as a Synod Representative elected by a District under clause 6(1)(d)."*

- (6) The first representatives appointed under clause 6(1)(p) (as inserted by this Statute) may be appointed at any time after this Statute comes into force, and hold office until the ordinary expiry of the term under clause 6(8)(c).