

**THE DIOCESE OF NEWCASTLE ASSISTANCE WITH THE RECOVERY FROM THE
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 2020**

Explanatory Memorandum

The Diocese of Newcastle Assistance with the Recovery from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Ordinance was passed by Diocesan Council on 26 March 2020 (**the Ordinance**).

The Ordinance is intended to support parishes and other ministries in the Diocese. The term “ministries” in this context references all other faith-based activities of the Diocese, including the Diocese’s various entities and organisations.

To ensure absolute clarity as to the purpose of the Ordinance, this amending ordinance provides for a more expansive reference to the intended scope of the Ordinance’s operation.

A Bill for an amendment to the Diocese of Newcastle Assistance with the Recovery from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Ordinance 2020

Be it ordained by the Diocesan Council as follows: –

1. That clause 2 of the “Diocese of Newcastle Assistance with the Recovery from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Ordinance 2020” be repealed and replaced with the following:

“2. In this Ordinance the term “additional trust purpose” shall mean:

“The Diocesan Council, with the concurrence of the Board of the Newcastle Anglican Church Corporation, may apply the trust capital and/or the income on that capital for the purpose of supporting the recovery and/or ongoing viability of parishes and other ministries in the Diocese (including all entities and organisations affiliated with or controlled by the Diocese) arising from the financial impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.”