

SECTION FIVE (ALL APPLICANTS)

DECLARATION, RELEASE AND UNDERTAKINGS

I _____

Of _____

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1. do sincerely declare that:

- The information I have provided in this application and the information contained in any documents accompanying this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I understand that any material misstatement in or omission from this questionnaire may render me unfit to hold a particular role or any office in the Church or to remain employed by a Church body.

2. understand that the Bishop of Newcastle or delegates of the Bishop may ask:

- Those who serve or have served as my bishop;
- Churches I have regularly attended as an adult; and
- My employers;

Whether to the best of their knowledge I have engaged in specified conduct that is relevant to the assessment of whether I am a suitable person to undertake ministry in the Church accordingly I have identified all positions in which I have held a bishop's licence, all churches which I have regularly attended as an adult and my employers.

I hereby authorise the Bishop of Newcastle or delegates of the Bishop to contact and exchange information with them.

I further hereby authorise every one of those bishops, churches and employers to inform the Bishop of Newcastle or delegates of the Bishop of any knowledge they may have relevant to the assessment of whether I am a suitable person to undertake ministry in the Church.

3. hereby authorise any referee to provide any information relevant to my application to the Bishop of Newcastle or delegates of the Bishop.

4. hereby release from liability any person or organisation that provides such information. I also agree to release the Bishop of Newcastle or delegates of the Bishop from any and all liability as it relates to any investigation by you or them regarding the information contained in this application, or any action by you or them as a result of such investigation.

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5. confirm that I am a member of the Anglican Church of Australia and that I will uphold the doctrine and discipline of this Church in undertaking this ministry.
6. promise that in fulfilling this office I will conform to the Constitutions, Canons and Ordinance of the Diocese of Newcastle for the time being in force.
7. undertake to comply with the Work, Health and Safety Policies of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle
8. commit to assist the community in which I worship and live be a safe place for people of all ages, both male and female, to give and receive Christian ministry, without fear of exploitation or abuse.
9. commit to ensuring that children, young people and the vulnerable involved within my area of ministry are safe from behaviour that is exploitative, predatory, abusive, manipulative, or violent acknowledging that such behaviour, whether physical, sexual, emotional, or spiritual, is always unacceptable.
10. will, if I form a suspicion on reasonable grounds of child abuse or neglect, I will report it to the responsible authorities and if a Church Worker is involved advise the Director of Professional Standards for the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle
11. will not develop inappropriate relationships which may compromise my role or may harm others. I will ensure that I maintain appropriate confidentiality.
12. will comply with the Diocese's code of conduct "Faithfulness in Service"
13. undertake to perform ministry only within the scope of the licence which I hold.
14. undertake that if Bishop issues a directive for me to cease activities relating my licence or to do with ministry of the Anglican Church, I will comply with such direction.
15. undertake to advise the Bishop, in writing if:
 - charged or convicted with any offence, convicted of any offence, or the facts found proven without conviction, whilst holding the Bishop's licence
 - I have been or become aware that my conduct has been or is being investigated by the Commission for Children and Young People, the Ombudsman or the police
 - if I have been or become subject to a restraining order or apprehended violence order

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____