



**Anglican Church of Australia  
DIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN**

**PARISH LEADERSHIP STATUTORY DECLARATION**

**Introduction**

This declaration pertains to any person who seeks to be elected or appointed as a church warden or parish council member in a ministry unit within the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

**Instructions:**

Please complete the *Statutory Declaration* and ask your Rector / Priest-in-charge to witness it<sup>i</sup> and then submit it with your nomination form.

In the case of Rector's appointment as a church warden or parish council member, please complete the *Statutory Declaration* and ask your Rector / Priest-in-charge to witness it.

All Parish Leadership Statutory Declarations are to be stored securely by the parish or ministry unit.



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I .....(Name)

of .....(Address)

do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. This declaration is made in support of my nomination for election or appointment for the position of church warden/parish council member (delete whichever is applicable).
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 disqualified person in that I am not:
  - (a) an undischarged bankrupt; or
  - (b) a prohibited person<sup>ii</sup>; or
  - (c) a person who, if they were resident in NSW, would be a prohibited person; or
  - (d) a person in respect of whom information has been entered on the National Register<sup>iii</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
6. I further declare that I am not mentally incapacitated<sup>iv</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 my church authorities.

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/ Witness:**

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

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**NOTES:**

<sup>i</sup> If your Rector is not available to witness you signing the form, please contact the Diocesan office on 6248 0811 for a list of people before whom a Statutory Declaration may be made.

<sup>ii</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.

<sup>iii</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>iv</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);