

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA – EPISCOPAL STANDARDS LEGISLATION BY DIOCESE**

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Legislation</b>	
Adelaide	<i>Episcopal Standards Ordinance 2015 (adopting model ordinance 2014)</i>	Complaints based, fitness enquiry, wide definition of misconduct, appeal to Review Board
Armidale	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted</i>	Information and examinable conduct, wide definition of misconduct, limited appeal to Review Tribunal
Ballarat	<i>Episcopal Standards Act 2013</i>	Complaints based, fitness enquiry, wide definition of misconduct, appeal to Review Board
Bathurst	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted</i>	Information and examinable conduct, wide definition of misconduct, limited appeal to Review Tribunal
Bendigo	<i>Episcopal Standards Act 2015 (adopting model ordinance 2014)</i>	Complaints based, fitness enquiry, wide definition of misconduct, appeal to Review Board
Brisbane	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted</i>	Information and examinable conduct, wide definition of misconduct, limited appeal to Review Tribunal
Bunbury	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted</i>	Information and examinable conduct, wide definition of misconduct, limited appeal to Review Tribunal
Canberra & Goulburn	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted / repealed</i>	Under consideration
Gippsland	No legislation	Under consideration
Grafton	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted</i>	Information and examinable conduct, wide definition of misconduct, limited appeal to Review Tribunal
Melbourne	<i>Episcopal Standards Act 2015 (adopting model ordinance 2014)</i>	Complaints based, fitness enquiry, wide definition of misconduct, appeal to Review Board
Newcastle	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted</i>	Information and examinable conduct, wide definition of misconduct, limited appeal to Review Tribunal

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North Queensland	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted</i>	Information and examinable conduct, wide definition of misconduct, limited appeal to Review Tribunal
North West Australia	<i>Episcopal Standards Statute 2016</i>	Follows Perth: Complaints based, fitness enquiry, appeal to Review Board
Northern Territory	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted</i>	Information and examinable conduct, wide definition of misconduct, limited appeal to Review Tribunal
Perth	<i>Episcopal Standards Statute 2016</i>	Complaints based, fitness enquiry, appeal to Review Board
Riverina	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted</i>	Information and examinable conduct, wide definition of misconduct, limited appeal to Review Tribunal
Rockhampton	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted</i>	Information and examinable conduct, wide definition of misconduct, limited appeal to Review Tribunal
Sydney	<i>No legislation</i>	Under consideration
Tasmania	<i>Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 adopted</i>	Information and examinable conduct, wide definition of misconduct, limited appeal to Review Tribunal
The Murray	<i>Episcopal Standards Ordinance 2016 (substantially adopting model ordinance 2014)</i>	Complaints based, fitness enquiry, wide definition of misconduct, appeal to Review Board
Wangaratta	<i>Episcopal Standards Act 2012</i>	Complaints based, fitness enquiry, wide definition of misconduct, appeal to Review Board
Willochra	<i>Episcopal Standards Regulation 2015 (adopting model ordinance 2014)</i>	Follows Adelaide: Complaints based, fitness enquiry, wide definition of misconduct, appeal to Review Board

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### NOTES

1. Where a diocese has episcopal standards legislation, it addresses child sexual abuse and is directed to the Diocesan Bishop. Each diocese bases their legislation on the concept of fitness for office of the Diocesan Bishop.
2. The legislation of the Australian dioceses falls into 3 broad categories:
  - (a) Complaints based – fitness for office - model episcopal standards ordinance 2014;
  - (b) Complaints based – fitness for office;
  - (c) The Episcopal Standards Canon 2007 – Information and examinable conduct, fitness for office;
3. So far, 5 of the 23 dioceses in Australia have legislation that substantially adopts the Model Episcopal Standards Ordinance 2014:
  - Adelaide
  - Bendigo
  - Melbourne
  - The Murray
  - Willochra
4. 4 of the 23 dioceses have adopted a ‘complaints’ based approach but reflecting the concept of fitness for office. Ballarat and Wangaratta still have the legislation based on the Melbourne Episcopal Standards Act 2011 but plan to adopt the model ordinance in like fashion to Melbourne. Perth and North West Australia has recently enacted legislation:
  - Ballarat
  - North West Australia
  - Perth
  - Wangaratta
5. 11 of the 23 dioceses, including Brisbane have adopted and still have the Episcopal Standards Canon 2007:
  - Armidale
  - Bathurst
  - Brisbane
  - Bunbury
  - Grafton
  - Newcastle
  - North Queensland
  - Northern Territory
  - Riverina
  - Rockhampton
  - Tasmania
6. Canberra Goulburn is ‘in between’ repealing the old and introducing new legislation.
7. 2 dioceses, Sydney and Gippsland have not had any Episcopal Standards ordinance but have legislation under consideration.