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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BISHOP-IN-COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF GRAFTON
HELD IN
THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BISHOP'S REGISTRY
50 VICTORIA STREET**

Thursday 27 July 2006

Present:**The Bishop:**

The Right Reverend Keith Slater

Clergy:

The Very Reverend Dr. Peter Catt, The Venerable David Hanger, The Reverend Russell Trickey, The Reverend Canon Brian Muller, The Reverend Canon Gary Priest, the Reverend Canon Bruce Turner, The Reverend Dr. David Jones, The Hon. Reverend Pat Comben (Registrar)

Laity:

Mr David Miller, Canon Ann Skamp, Mrs Lorraine Dixon, Canon Terry Shorten, Mr Peter Sutton, Mrs Camellia Flanagan, Mrs Anne Goode, Mrs Leonie Hanger, Mr Kevin Knott, Mr Gordon Mitchell,

In Attendance:

The Venerable Greg Ezzy, Mr Peter Rowland (Advocate)

1. **Prayer:** The meeting commenced with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral.

2. **REFLECTION ON THE DIOCESAN VISION**

At the Bishop's request Canon Brian Muller presented the Working Committee report to the Council. During his report Canon Muller posed many questions for Bishop-in-Council including:-

- What does the Diocesan Vision mean for Bishop-in-Council
- What is the present role of Bishop-in-Council
 - Advisory
 - Temporal
 - Spiritual
- What is the preferred role of governance
- Governing Bodies – each governing body needs to be clear about its roles, duties and responsibilities
 - What is our preferred model of governance?
 - How do we want our board to work?
 - How will we know if we are doing a good job?
 - What is the purpose of our body
 - What are the roles and powers of members
 - How are we appointed
 - Role of individual members
 - Induction, training and skills
 - Role of Chairperson, General Manager and the nature of the relationship between the governing body and Management.

bic7/6-1 **MOTION**

"That the Committee formed at the April Meeting report back with relevant material to the next Bishop-in-Council with an aim of establishing a facilitated two day residential workshop to examine the fundamentals of governance, relations within the Council and some directions for a redraft of the Ordinance".

MOVED: Brian Muller