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- (2) The Commission shall not have the power to affect such authority and independence of the governing body of any Anglican School as is granted to such governing body in accordance with the constitution of such school.

## Objects of the Commission

5. The object of the Commission shall be the promotion of education in Anglican schools, and more particularly –
- (a) to support the planning and establishment of new Schools to serve the whole of the community as part of the mission of the Church especially in developing areas.
  - (b) to support the establishment and development of methods of governance for new Schools;
  - (c) to promote and support existing Member Schools;
  - (d) to facilitate consultation and encourage communication and co-operation among Schools and between Schools and the Commission;
  - (e) to promote liaison between Anglican Schools and the Parishes to which students and staff belong or from which they are drawn;
  - (f) to recommend and encourage in Anglican Schools the use of programs designed to help parents and staff recognize the importance of a complete education of students in a Christian school and to understand and perform their respective responsibilities in such education;
  - (g) to promote in schools religious education, Christian faith and worship;
  - (h) to encourage the provision of facilities within Anglican Schools for those with special needs including persons who are disadvantaged through economic social intellectual physical emotional or linguistic disabilities;
  - (i) to liaise with bodies in the Diocese involved in training for both the ordained and lay ministries, especially in the areas of chaplaincy and religious education;
  - (j) to develop or assist in the development of religious education programs for use in schools;
  - (k) to develop and recommend from time to time general educational policies for schools;
  - (l) to recommend to the Archbishop-in-Council policies and initiatives in the promotion of education within a Christian context;
  - (m) to consult and co-operate with schools and with educational bodies similar to the Commission in other Anglican dioceses and in other Churches, with other relevant educational bodies and agencies; and with other relevant tertiary institutions on matters affecting the education provided in Anglican Schools;
  - (n) to provide liaison between the Diocese and federal, state and local governments and other relevant educational bodies and agencies on matters relating to education

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and on matters relating to the provision of governmental funds for non-government schools;

- (o) to advise, consult with and co-operate with the Archbishop-in-Council concerning provision of school sites, construction of school facilities and funding;
- (p) to promote the raising of money for Member Schools;
- (q) to consult with and advise Member Schools on industrial matters;
- (r) to undertake such other functions as may be committed to the Commission from time to time by the Archbishop-in-Council.

## Member Schools

- 6. (1) Any School as defined in this Canon may become a Member School of the Commission by resolution of the governing body of such school.
- (2) The governing body of any Member School may by resolution withdraw that school from being a Member School of the Commission, but without prejudice to any responsibility, financial or otherwise, which such Member School may have in respect of the Commission.
- (3) With the consent of the Archbishop-in-Council the Commission may admit a school which is not a School as defined in this Canon as a Member School of the Commission, provided that the educational and religious policies and practices of such school are not inconsistent with the objects of the Commission.

## Schools Commission Fund

- 7. (1) There shall be a Fund of the Diocese of Brisbane to be called the "Schools Commission Fund" which shall consist of -
  - (a) moneys held to the credit of the office of the schools officer or consultant at the time of the passing of this Canon or to be received for the same;
  - (b) moneys which shall be received for the purposes of the Commission;
  - (c) other such moneys as the Synod or the Archbishop-in-Council may direct shall be credited to the Fund.
- (2) The moneys held to the credit of the Fund shall be applied so far as the same shall extend for the purposes of the Commission.
- (3) The Treasurer of Synod shall present to each annual session of Synod a statement of receipts and disbursements of the Fund.