

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE ARCHBISHOPRIC AND CLERGY

SUMMARY PAPER E – PARISH NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: COMPOSITION AND VOTING

What this is about

Who is on the parish nominations committee,¹ how they get there, and who has a vote.

What are the main issues

- Whether to retain the unique approach of the Diocese of Melbourne or to adopt a model similar to that in the other metropolitan dioceses.
- If the Dio Melbourne approach is retained (composition designated bishop, archdeacon, clerical consultant and parish nominators), expressing the current requirements about who ultimately decides more clearly.
- In choosing between the two options, the issue is whether to give clerical and lay members appointed by the Synod an equal voice and vote with the other members of the committee.

What are the recommendations

OPTION A

The parish nominations committee should comprise the designated bishop, the relevant archdeacon, a clerical consultant (chosen by rotation from a panel elected by Synod), a lay facilitator (chosen by rotation from a panel appointed by the Archbishop in Council) and 3 parish nominators;² and the recommendation of parish nominations committee should be supported by the designated bishop and a majority of the parish nominators, but before agreeing on any recommendation each member of the parish nominations committee must be fully heard regarding what that recommendation should be.

OPTION B

The parish nominations committee should comprise the designated bishop, the relevant archdeacon, a clerical Diocesan nominator (chosen by rotation from a panel for the whole Diocese elected by Synod), a lay Diocesan nominator (chosen by rotation from a panel for the whole Diocese elected by Synod) and 3 parish nominators;³ each of whom has one vote.

¹ formerly the "incumbency committee" – see Summary Paper B

² plus any additional nominators for additional worship centres

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Where to find it in the consultation paper

Heading 6.6: Membership, voting and unanimity