

The Synod of Eastern Australia Property Amendment Bill 2004

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend *The Synod of Eastern Australia Property Act 1918* (***the principal Act***) to provide for the Moderator, the clerk and the treasurer of the Synod of Eastern Australia, in exercising certain functions in good faith and in accordance with the principal Act, to be entitled to be indemnified out of property vested in the trustees against expenses and liabilities that the person has incurred in connection with the exercise of the functions.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendment to *The Synod of Eastern Australia Property Act 1918* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendment

Schedule 1 inserts proposed section 2A into the principal Act to provide that a person who as the Moderator, the clerk or the treasurer of the Synod exercises, in good faith and in accordance with the principal Act and any regulations made by the Synod, any function in relation to property vested in the trustees, and the executor or administrator of any such person, is entitled to be indemnified out of property vested in the trustees against all expenses and liabilities that the person has incurred in connection with the exercise of the function.