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**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITIES' LANDS
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1986**

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

This Bill is cognate with the Roman Catholic Church Trust Property (Amendment) Bill 1986.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Roman Catholic Church Communities' Lands Act 1942—

- (a) to make it clear that bodies corporate created by that Act for the purpose of holding, managing and dealing with property held on trust for the Church communities may also engage in other activities (such as those relating to education, health and welfare) conducted for and on behalf of the Church communities;
- (b) where it has become impossible or impracticable to carry out trusts on which property is held for those communities, to enable those bodies corporate to alter the trusts without making application to a Court for approval of a cy-pres scheme in respect of the trusts; and
- (c) to exempt from stamp duty instruments relating to certain dealings with property conducted between those bodies corporate and between any such body corporate and a body corporate created under the Roman Catholic Church Trust Property Act 1936.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 is a formal provision which gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

Schedule 1 (1) and (2) make it clear that, in addition to its objects relating to holding, managing and dealing with trust property, a body corporate has objects relating to the conduct of other activities of the Church community to which it relates.

Schedule 1 (3) makes it clear that a body corporate has power to operate and conduct various educational, welfare and health institutions, organisations and other bodies and to act generally for its benefit and the benefit of the Church community to which it relates as if the body corporate were a natural person.

Schedule 1 (4)—

- (a) empowers a body corporate to alter the trusts on which trust property is held by it, if the body corporate is satisfied that it is impossible or impracticable to observe the trusts (proposed section 17);
 - (b) authorises the blending of trust funds (proposed section 18); and
 - (c) exempts from stamp duty certain instruments relating to the vesting of community property under section 8 of the Principal Act or giving effect to dealings with property conducted between bodies corporate established under the Principal Act or between any such body corporate and a body corporate established under the Roman Catholic Church Trust Property Act 1936 (proposed section 19).
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2. Amendment of Act No. 23, 1942

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COMMUNITIES' LANDS ACT 1942

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITIES' LANDS
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1986**

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No. , 1986

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Roman Catholic Church Communities' Lands Act 1942 in relation to the management and transfer of property held on trust for Church communities and the powers of bodies corporate created by that Act.

Roman Catholic Church Communities' Lands (Amendment) 1986

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

5 Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the "Roman Catholic Church Communities' Lands (Amendment) Act 1986".

Amendment of Act No. 23, 1942

2. The Roman Catholic Church Communities' Lands Act 1942 is
10 amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 1

(Sec. 2)

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
COMMUNITIES' LANDS ACT 1942

15 (1) Preamble—

(a) Omit "held, and", insert instead "held,".

(b) After "expensive", insert "and also that other activities which are
or may be for the benefit of the Roman Catholic Church or of
those orders, congregations, communities and associations of the
20 Roman Catholic Church may be conducted by those bodies
corporate".

(2) Section 4 (**Trustees to be bodies corporate**)—

Section 4 (3)—

After section 4 (2), insert:

25 (3) The objects of a body corporate created by this Act
include—

(a) the operation and conduct of educational, welfare and
health institutions, organisations or other bodies; and

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*AMENDMENTS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
COMMUNITIES' LANDS ACT 1942—*continued*

- 5 (b) the performance of all such acts, matters and things of any nature (which may include, without limiting the scope of this paragraph, borrowing money) as, in its opinion, are or may be for its benefit or for the benefit of the community to which it relates.

(3) Section 10 (**Powers of bodies corporate**)—

(a) Section 10 (1)—

10 Omit "Every body corporate created by this Act shall have power from time to time", insert instead "A body corporate created by this Act has all of the powers of a natural person, including (without limiting the scope of those powers) the power".

(b) Section 10 (1) (d), (e)—

At the end of section 10 (1) (d), insert:

; and

- 15 (e) to execute any document and to do any other thing the execution or doing of which, in its opinion, is necessary or convenient to achieve its objects.

(4) Sections 17–19—

After section 16, insert:

20 **Variation of trusts**

25 17. (1) If, after the creation of the trusts to which any real or personal property vested in or held by a body corporate constituted by this Act is for the time being subject, it has, in the opinion of the body corporate, become impossible or inexpedient to carry out or observe those trusts, the body corporate may by resolution declare that opinion, and by the same or a later resolution declare other trusts subject to which such property may be held, being trusts for the use, benefit or purposes of the community to which the body corporate relates.

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*AMENDMENTS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
COMMUNITIES' LANDS ACT 1942—*continued*

(2) A resolution declaring other trusts causes the replaced trusts to cease and determine and the property which was subject to those trusts shall be held subject to the other trusts.

5 (3) The property shall be dealt with as nearly as may be possible for the purposes for which the property was, immediately before the resolution, held unless the body corporate by resolution declares that by reason of circumstances arising after the creation of the replaced trusts it is, in the opinion of the body corporate, impossible or inexpedient to deal with or apply the property or
10 some part of the property for the same or like purposes.

(4) If a resolution is passed under subsection (3) in relation to property or some part of property, the property or part of the property may be dealt with and applied for the use, benefit or purposes of the community subject to the trusts declared by
15 resolution of the body corporate.

(5) This section applies to trusts created before or after the commencement of the Roman Catholic Church Communities' Lands (Amendment) Act 1986.

20 (6) In subsection (1), the reference to trusts which have been created includes a reference to trusts declared by a resolution passed under this section.

Blending of trust funds

25 18. (1) Where a body corporate holds money on trust for different purposes or activities it shall be lawful for the body corporate from time to time—

(a) to invest the money or any part or parts of the money as one fund; and

30 (b) to distribute income arising from the investment of the fund rateably for the benefit of carrying out the several purposes or activities for which the money invested is held on trust.

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*AMENDMENTS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
COMMUNITIES' LANDS ACT 1942—*continued*

(2) Any loss arising from an investment in accordance with this section shall be distributed rateably to the detriment of carrying out the several purposes or activities for which the money invested is held on trust.

5 **Exemption from stamp duty**

19. (1) An instrument executed only for—

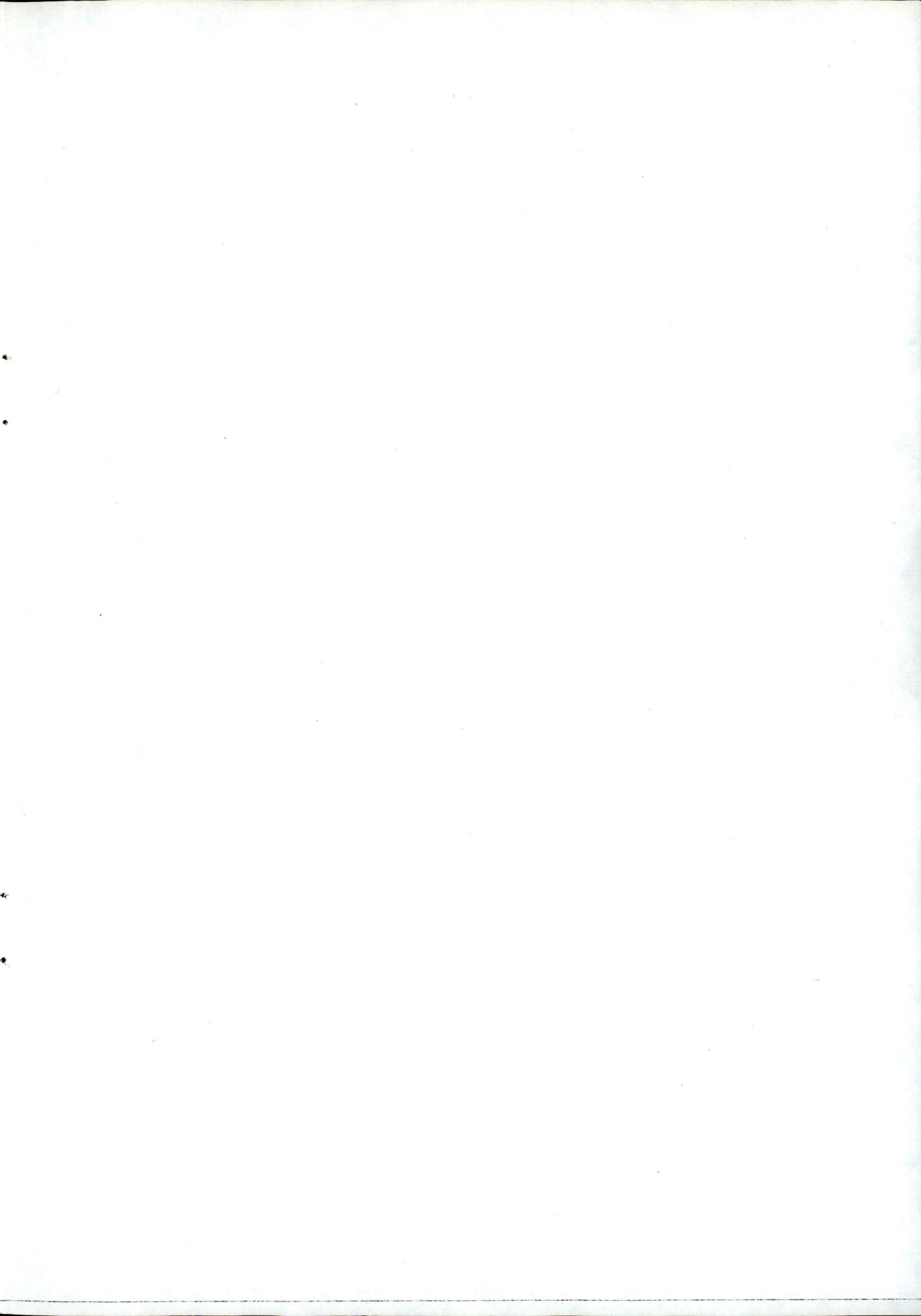
- (a) a purpose ancillary to, or consequential on, the operation of section 8; or
- (b) the purpose of giving effect to that section,

10 shall be exempt from stamp duty.

(2) An instrument, being an agreement for the sale, conveyance or demise of any property—

- 15 (a) from a body corporate created by this Act to another body corporate so created or to a body corporate created under the Roman Catholic Church Trust Property Act 1936; or
- (b) from a body corporate created under the Roman Catholic Church Trust Property Act 1936 to a body corporate created by this Act,

shall be exempt from stamp duty.





**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITIES' LANDS
(AMENDMENT) ACT 1986 No. 191**

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1. Short title
2. Amendment of Act No. 23, 1942

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**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITIES' LANDS
(AMENDMENT) ACT 1986 No. 191**

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Act No. 191, 1986

An Act to amend the Roman Catholic Church Communities' Lands Act 1942 in relation to the management and transfer of property held on trust for Church communities and the powers of bodies corporate created by that Act. [Assented to 18 December 1986]

Roman Catholic Church Communities' Lands (Amendment) 1986

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the "Roman Catholic Church Communities' Lands (Amendment) Act 1986".

Amendment of Act No. 23, 1942

2. The Roman Catholic Church Communities' Lands Act 1942 is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 1

(Sec. 2)

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
COMMUNITIES' LANDS ACT 1942

(1) Preamble—

- (a) Omit "held, and", insert instead "held,".
- (b) After "expensive", insert "and also that other activities which are or may be for the benefit of the Roman Catholic Church or of those orders, congregations, communities and associations of the Roman Catholic Church may be conducted by those bodies corporate".

(2) Section 4 (**Trustees to be bodies corporate**)—

Section 4 (3)—

After section 4 (2), insert:

(3) The objects of a body corporate created by this Act include—

- (a) the operation and conduct of educational, welfare and health institutions, organisations or other bodies; and

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*AMENDMENTS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
COMMUNITIES' LANDS ACT 1942—*continued*

(b) the performance of all such acts, matters and things of any nature (which may include, without limiting the scope of this paragraph, borrowing money) as, in its opinion, are or may be for its benefit or for the benefit of the community to which it relates.

(3) Section 10 (**Powers of bodies corporate**)—

(a) Section 10 (1)—

Omit "Every body corporate created by this Act shall have power from time to time", insert instead "A body corporate created by this Act has all of the powers of a natural person, including (without limiting the scope of those powers) the power".

(b) Section 10 (1) (d), (e)—

At the end of section 10 (1) (d), insert:

; and

(e) to execute any document and to do any other thing the execution or doing of which, in its opinion, is necessary or convenient to achieve its objects.

(4) Sections 17–19—

After section 16, insert:

Variation of trusts

17. (1) If, after the creation of the trusts to which any real or personal property vested in or held by a body corporate constituted by this Act is for the time being subject, it has, in the opinion of the body corporate, become impossible or inexpedient to carry out or observe those trusts, the body corporate may by resolution declare that opinion, and by the same or a later resolution declare other trusts subject to which such property may be held, being trusts for the use, benefit or purposes of the community to which the body corporate relates.

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
COMMUNITIES' LANDS ACT 1942—*continued*

(2) A resolution declaring other trusts causes the replaced trusts to cease and determine and the property which was subject to those trusts shall be held subject to the other trusts.

(3) The property shall be dealt with as nearly as may be possible for the purposes for which the property was, immediately before the resolution, held unless the body corporate by resolution declares that by reason of circumstances arising after the creation of the replaced trusts it is, in the opinion of the body corporate, impossible or inexpedient to deal with or apply the property or some part of the property for the same or like purposes.

(4) If a resolution is passed under subsection (3) in relation to property or some part of property, the property or part of the property may be dealt with and applied for the use, benefit or purposes of the community subject to the trusts declared by resolution of the body corporate.

(5) This section applies to trusts created before or after the commencement of the Roman Catholic Church Communities' Lands (Amendment) Act 1986.

(6) In subsection (1), the reference to trusts which have been created includes a reference to trusts declared by a resolution passed under this section.

Blending of trust funds

18. (1) Where a body corporate holds money on trust for different purposes or activities it shall be lawful for the body corporate from time to time—

- (a) to invest the money or any part or parts of the money as one fund; and
- (b) to distribute income arising from the investment of the fund rateably for the benefit of carrying out the several purposes or activities for which the money invested is held on trust.

SCHEDULE 1—*continued*

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
COMMUNITIES' LANDS ACT 1942—*continued*

(2) Any loss arising from an investment in accordance with this section shall be distributed rateably to the detriment of carrying out the several purposes or activities for which the money invested is held on trust.

Exemption from stamp duty

19. (1) An instrument executed only for—

(a) a purpose ancillary to, or consequential on, the operation of section 8; or

(b) the purpose of giving effect to that section,

shall be exempt from stamp duty.

(2) An instrument, being an agreement for the sale, conveyance or demise of any property—

(a) from a body corporate created by this Act to another body corporate so created or to a body corporate created under the Roman Catholic Church Trust Property Act 1936; or

(b) from a body corporate created under the Roman Catholic Church Trust Property Act 1936 to a body corporate created by this Act,

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