

**Annexure E – Letters of Support to NSW Parliament regarding the
Diocesan Properties listed in clause 17 of the Bill**

Letters from:

1. The Diocesan Ruling Committee dated 17 June 2010;
2. The Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Holy Mother of God" in Liverpool, New South Wales dated 16 June 2010;
3. The Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Nativity of the Holy Mother of God" Cathedral Temple in Sydenham, Victoria dated 16 June 2010;
4. The Elder of the Macedonian Orthodox Monastery "St. Prohor Pcinski" in Donnybrook, Victoria dated 17 June 2010;
5. The Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Holy Mother of God" in Woodville, South Australia dated 16 June 2010.



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DIOCESAN RULING COMMITTEE

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No.18

17 June 2010

To the members of the NSW Parliament,

It gives us great pleasure to address you in support of the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010*.

The Macedonian Orthodox Church Diocese of Australia and New Zealand ("Church") has made numerous efforts in the past to obtain a statutory property trust to consolidate its assets, as is anticipated by the constitutional Statute of the Church, for more efficient administration of its operations in Australia.

The Diocesan Ruling Committee is the executive, governing and controlling body of the administrative and financial affairs of the Church. It also performs the role of a Diocesan Committee of Trustees, which is the protector of all assets of the Church. The governing Statute of the Church expressly provides at article 95 that the establishment of a statutory property trust is being sought in order to avoid divisions, illegitimate or non-canonical splitting away of assets of the Church, be that Diocesan, Parish, Church-community or Monastery properties, funds and bequests. Under article 96, the Diocesan Ruling Committee is invested with the power of appointing and dismissing temporary trustees to Diocesan, Church and Monastery properties until such time that property trust legislation for the Church is enacted.


It is confirmed that the properties listed in clause 17 of the Bill are Diocesan properties, which have been acquired with a resolution of the Diocesan Ruling Committee in the name of three individual trustees - His Eminence, Metropolitan Petar Karevski, Deputy Bishop Fr Jovica Simonovski and Fr Tone Gulev, to hold on trust for the Church until such time when a statutory property trust for the Church is established. It is understood that clause 17 effects automatic vesting of these four properties in the proposed statutory trust, the composition of which reflects the composition of the Diocesan Ruling Committee.

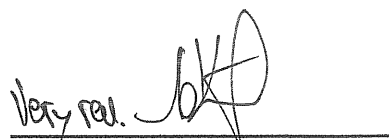
We thank the NSW Parliament for very skillfully prepared Bill that reflects the administration of Church assets pursuant to its governing Statute, and at the same time ensures that matters relevant to some in the community are observed by providing that no person is compelled to transfer property to the trust.

We are hopeful in prayer that you will support this important Bill for our Church in Australia, so that it may more efficiently carry out its religious and charitable mission.

May God's blessings be with you,


Very Rev Jovica Simonovski
Deputy Bishop


Mr Vane Nikoloski
Vice President of the Diocesan Assembly


Very Rev Ljupco Karevski
Diocesan Secretary



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16 June 2010

To the Members of the NSW Parliament,

This letter is to confirm the support of the Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Holy Mother of God" in Liverpool, New South Wales for the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010*.

We were delighted to hear that the Bill was introduced in the Parliament of New South Wales. The Committee of the Church "Holy Mother of God" provides its full support for this important proposed legislation for the Macedonian Orthodox Church.

The Committee confirms that the land at 37-39 Atkinson Street, Liverpool where the "Holy Mother of God" Church is located was acquired by the Diocese, pursuant to a decision of the Diocesan Ruling Committee, in the name of His Eminence, Metropolitan Karevski, Fr Simonovski and Fr Gulev as trustees, pending the enactment of a property trust bill. The Committee understands that the Bill affects only the Diocesan properties and further that pursuant to clause 17(2)(a) of the Bill, the land where "Holy Mother of God" Church is situated (being the land in Certificate of Title Volume 10673 Folio 236 of the Register kept under the *Real Property Act 1900* of New South Wales) will immediately vest in the statutory trust, if the Bill is enacted.

This is a very important opportunity for our Church in Australia and will help us to consolidate and organise our landholdings in a more efficient manner.

The Committee and the parishioners of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Holy Mother of God", Liverpool thank the Members of Parliament for giving consideration to this Bill.

May God's blessings and good health be with you,

Very Rev. Dimce Voinovski
Elder, Parish Priest and President

Mr Nikola Starkoski
Secretary





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MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH COMMUNITY -
CATHEDRAL CHURCH "HOLY MOTHER OF GOD" - Sydenham

16 June 2010

To the Members of the NSW Parliament,

This letter is to confirm the support of the Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Nativity of the Holy Mother of God" Cathedral Temple in Sydenham, Victoria for the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010*.

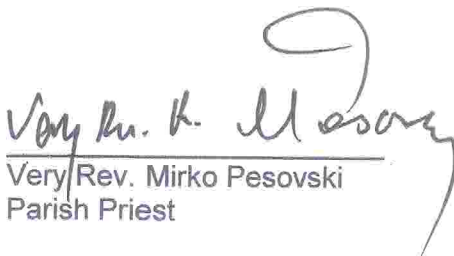
We were delighted to hear that the Bill was introduced in the Parliament of New South Wales. The Committee of the Church "Nativity of the Holy Mother of God" provides its full support for this important proposed legislation for the Macedonian Orthodox Church.

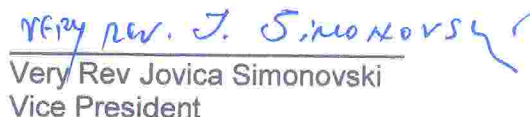
The Committee confirms that the land at 1-3 Pecks Road, Sydenham where the "Nativity of the Holy Mother of God" Church is located was acquired by the Diocese, pursuant to a decision of the Diocesan Ruling Committee, in the name of His Eminence, Metropolitan Karevski, Fr Simonovski and Fr Gulev as trustees, pending the enactment of a property trust bill. The Committee understands that the Bill affects only the Diocesan properties and further that pursuant to clause 17(2)(b) of the Bill, the land where "Nativity of Holy Mother of God" Church is situate (being the land in Certificate of Title Volume 9361 Folio 679 of the Register kept under the *Transfer of Land Act 1958* of Victoria) will immediately vest in the statutory trust, if the Bill is enacted.

This is a very important opportunity for our Church in Australia and will help us to consolidate and organise our landholdings in a more efficient manner.

The Committee and the parishioners of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Nativity of the Holy Mother of God", Sydenham thank the Members of Parliament for giving consideration to this Bill.

May God's blessings and good health be with you,


Very Rev. Mirko Pesovski
Parish Priest


Very Rev Jovica Simonovski
Vice President



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17 June 2010

To the Members of the NSW Parliament,

I am writing this letter as the Elder of the Macedonian Orthodox Monastery "St. Prohor Pchinski" in Donnybrook, Victoria in support of the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010*.

I was delighted to hear that the Bill was introduced in the Parliament of New South Wales. On behalf of the Monastery "St. Prohor Pchinski" I provide the full support for this important proposed legislation for the Macedonian Orthodox Church (www.stprohor.org.au).

It is confirmed that the land at 130 Springs Road, Donnybrook where the Monastery "St. Prohor Pchinski" (in construction) is located was acquired by the Diocese, pursuant to a decision of the Diocesan Ruling Committee, in the name of His Eminence, Metropolitan Karevski, Fr Simonovski and Fr Gulev as trustees, pending the enactment of a property trust bill. It is understood that the Bill affects only the Diocesan properties and further that pursuant to clause 17(2)(c) of the Bill, the land where the Monastery "St. Prohor Pchinski" is situate (being the land in Certificate of Title Volume 10689 Folios 945, 946, 947 and 948 of the Register kept under the *Transfer of Land Act 1958* of Victoria) will immediately vest in the statutory trust, if the Bill is enacted.

This is a very important opportunity for our Church in Australia and will help us to consolidate and organise our landholdings in a more efficient manner.

May the blessings of God be with all Members of the NSW Parliament for giving consideration to this Bill.

With best wishes,

Abbot Gavril Gelev
Elder



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16 June 2010

To the Members of the NSW Parliament,

This letter is to confirm the support of the Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Holy Mother of God" in Woodville South, South Australia for the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010*.

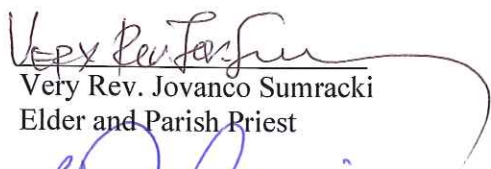
We were delighted to hear that the Bill was introduced in the Parliament of New South Wales. The Committee of the Church "Holy Mother of God" provides its full support for this important proposed legislation for the Macedonian Orthodox Church.

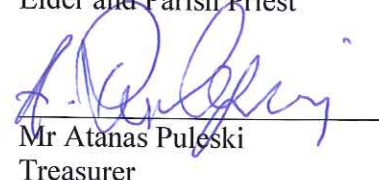
The Committee confirms that the land known as Lots 4 and 5 Curtis Street, Woodville South where the "Holy Mother of God" Church is located was acquired by the Diocese, pursuant to a decision of the Diocesan Ruling Committee, in the name of His Eminence, Metropolitan Karevski, Fr Simonovski and Fr Gulev as trustees, pending the enactment of a property trust bill. The Committee understands that the Bill affects only the Diocesan properties and further that pursuant to clause 17(2)(d) of the Bill, the land where "Holy Mother of God" Church is situate (being the land in Volume 5477 Folio 51 of the Register Book kept under the *Real Property Act 1886* of South Australia) will immediately vest in the statutory trust, if the Bill is enacted.

This is a very important opportunity for our Church in Australia and will help us to consolidate and organise our landholdings in a more efficient manner.

The Committee and the parishioners of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Holy Mother of God", Woodville South thank the Members of Parliament for giving consideration to this Bill.

May God's blessings and good health be with you,


Very Rev. Jovanco Sumracki
Elder and Parish Priest


Mr Atanas Puleski
Treasurer

