

Annexure H – Letters of Support to NSW Parliament from the Holy Bishops Synod, the Diocesan Provinces, the Committees of Church Communities and Parish Priests

Letters from:

1. The Holy Bishop's Synod of the Macedonian Orthodox Church dated 30 June 2010;
2. Diocesan Province for New South Wales, Queensland and Canberra of the Macedonian Orthodox Church Diocese of Australia and New Zealand dated 16 June 2010;
3. Diocesan Province for New South Wales, Queensland and Canberra of the Macedonian Orthodox Church Diocese of Australia and New Zealand dated 23 June 2010 (additional correspondence);
4. Diocesan Province for Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia of the Macedonian Orthodox Church Diocese of Australia and New Zealand dated 17 June 2010;
5. Diocesan Province for Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia of the Macedonian Orthodox Church Diocese of Australia and New Zealand dated 23 June 2010 (additional correspondence);
6. The Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St. Basil the Great" Cathedral Temple in Newcastle, New South Wales dated 17 June 2010;
7. The Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St. Klement of Ohrid" in Port Kembla, New South Wales dated 10 August 2010;
8. The Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Resurrection of Jesus Christ" in Rockdale, New South Wales dated 16 June 2010;
9. The Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St. John the Baptist" in Geelong, Victoria dated 16 June 2010;
10. The Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St. Nikola" in North Perth, Western Australia (69 Angove Street, North Perth) dated 16 June 2010;
11. The Parish Priest of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Nativity of Saint Marie" in Brisbane, Queensland dated 18 June 2010;
12. The Parish Priest of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St. Nikola" in North Perth, Western Australia (8 Macedonia Place, North Perth) dated 16 June 2010;
13. The Parish Priest of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St. Dimitrij of Solun" in Wollongong, New South Wales dated 25 June 2010;
14. The Parish Priest of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St. Clement of Ohrid" in Canberra, ACT;
15. The Parish Priest of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St. Ilija" in Queanbeyan, New South Wales.



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MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
СВЕТИ АРХИЕРЕЈСКИ СИНОД
HOLY BISHOP'S SYNOD

САС бр. 101
30.06.2010 год.
СКОПЈЕ

To the Members of the NSW Parliament

The Holy Bishop's Synod of the Macedonian Orthodox Church, at its session held on 29 June 2010 gave due consideration to the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010* which is currently before the Parliament of New South Wales.

At this session, His Eminence, Bishop Petar Karevski, provided the Holy Bishop's Synod with a briefing paper (which is enclosed with this letter) and gave a detailed overview of the Bill and its effect and implications.

The Holy Bishop's Synod of the Macedonian Orthodox Church is grateful to the New South Wales Parliament for giving consideration to the enactment of a statutory trust for properties of the Diocese in Australia and New Zealand, which would enable the Diocese to more efficiently and with greater ease organise and execute matters of secular nature.

The Holy Bishop's Synod expresses its full support for this Bill and considers that it will assist the better organisation of the Diocese and will be for the good of all Macedonian Orthodox faithful who live in the Diocese.

CHAIRMAN OF
THE HOLY BISHOP'S SYNOD OF
THE MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
BISHOP OF OHRID AND MACEDONIA
†STEFAN

**BRIEFING PAPER FOR THE HOLY BISHOP'S SYNOD REGARDING THE
MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH PROPERTY TRUST BILL 2010**

1. The *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010 (NSW)* was introduced in the New South Wales Parliament on 10 June 2010. This Bill is a further attempt by the Macedonian Orthodox Church Diocese of Australia and New Zealand ("Diocese") for enactment of legislation in Australia to establish a statutory property trust for the Diocese.
2. The Bill has been prepared based on the examples of legislation of other Christian churches in Australia after comprehensive consultations between our legal advisors and the advisors in the Parliament and parliamentary draftsmen, in order to ensure that it is in accordance with the Diocesan Statute but also to overcome any conflicts with the views held by Macedonian church communities in Australia regarding their assets.
3. The Bill provides for the establishment of a statutory trust, named the Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust, which will be the body responsible for holding, dealing and managing property of the Church in the Diocese across Australia. This statutory body will have the same composition as the Diocesan Ruling Committee, thus ensuring that the dealing and decision making regarding Church property will be made by the same body and in the same manner as prescribed under the Statute of the Diocese.
4. The Bill will significantly assist us in the administration of the Diocese as it will make it possible for property of the Church to be held by a single body with perpetual succession, thereby overcoming the difficulties in having several trustee bodies acting for the Church. The Bill will enable the Diocese to better organise the holding, management and protection of its asset base.
5. This manner of holding of church property is common for other Christian churches in Australia, and if the Bill is passed we believe will serve as an indication that our Church is acknowledged, organised and well administered.
6. Most importantly, this Bill differs from the previous attempts as it only affects four properties which, on appointment by the Diocesan Ruling Committee are held by myself as Bishop, Fr Simonovski and Fr Gulev as trustees for the Church. If the Bill is passed, these properties will be immediately divested from the current trustees and vested in the Trust. This will finally deal with our longstanding concern of holding Church property in the name of individuals and will hopefully put at rest negative public comments and attacks to the current trustees and their families for being registered proprietors of Church property, due to their trustee role not being able to be identified on certificates of title in Australia.
7. The Bill has been very carefully prepared to ensure that no other properties be affected by the Bill, but there is a mechanism to enable transfers to the Trust in future only with the voluntary consent of the parties to the transfer. It is important to emphasise that there is no requirement or compulsion for any person to transfer property to the Trust.
8. The provisions of the Bill, if enacted, cannot be changed other than by an Act of Parliament. This not only provides protection for Church assets in perpetuity, but also it provides certainty to all clergy and parishioners that the property holding structure for the Diocese is well structured and set by statute.

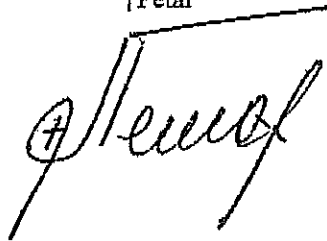


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9. By being assisted to better organise our administration, the Diocese will focus its resources where they are most needed - in contribution to religious and charitable works and activities throughout Australia.
10. All Macedonian Orthodox Church Communities, Parishes, Churches and Monasteries in the Diocese have been informed of the progress of the Bill and significant support has been received from most of them but also from many other Macedonian organisations that operate in Australia and support our Church with this endeavour that is of historical importance and will place our Church together with the other Christian churches with statutory property trusts. At the same time, the Diocese is working on continuous explanations to the Macedonian public in Australia that the Bill does not allow the Church to take over, compulsorily acquire or otherwise forcefully take property owned by any person, even that of churches that are in communion with the Macedonian Orthodox Church and are part of the Diocese.
11. The Parliament of New South Wales is currently not sitting during the winter recess and it was decided by the Parliament that the Bill be referred to a special committee for consideration and report to Parliament after having considered all documentation submitted by the Church and Macedonian community.
12. With God's blessing, we are hopeful for a positive report of the above committee and that after the winter recess the Bill will be enacted by the Parliament of New South Wales.

Metropolitan for Prespa and Pelagonia and
Administrator for Australia and New Zealand

†Petar



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MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH DIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
АРХИЕРЕЈСКО НАМЕСНИШТВО ЗА НОВ ЈУЖЕН ВЕЛС, КВИНЗЛАНД И КАНБЕРА
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16 June 2010

To the Members of the NSW Parliament,

Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010

I am writing this letter of support for the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010* ("Bill") as the appointed Deputy Prelate of the Diocesan Province for New South Wales, Queensland and Canberra of the Macedonian Orthodox Church Diocese of Australia and New Zealand ("Church").

The Diocesan Province is a juridic structure recognised under the Statute of the Church comprising of a number of Church Communities-Parishes. As a Deputy Prelate, I am appointed by the Bishop to undertake the spiritual supervision of the clergy, the faithful and all religious activities within my Diocesan Province, which comprises the following Parishes:

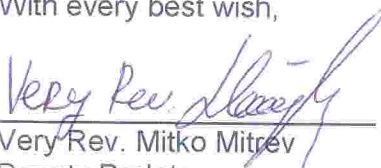
- Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Rockdale, New South Wales;
- Holy Mother of God, Liverpool, New South Wales;
- St Basil The Great, Newcastle, New South Wales;
- St Clement of Ohrid, Port Kembla, New South Wales;
- Monastery "St Petka", Kembla Grange, New South Wales;
- St Dimitrij of Solun, Wollongong, New South Wales;
- St Ilija, Queanbeyan, New South Wales;
- St Clement of Ohrid, Canberra;
- Holy Mother of God, Brisbane, Queensland.

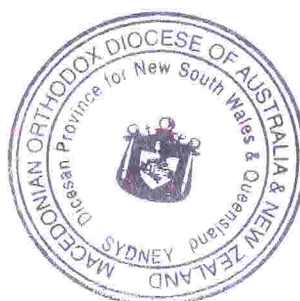
On behalf of all Parish Priests serving their pastoral ministry in the Diocesan Province, I thank the NSW Parliament for introducing the Bill. We know of the benefits enjoyed by many Christian churches in this country, under similar legislation for a statutory trustee to hold, manage and deal with church property. We are grateful to the Members of the NSW Parliament for now taking time to consider the implications and benefits of the proposed statutory trust for our Church.

This Bill, if passed, will assist our Church not only to organise its property holdings but to consequently more effectively carry out its religious and charitable mission for the good of the parishioners and the wider community.

We, the Parish Priests of the Diocesan Province, pray that God blesses Australia, the Parliament of NSW and all its Members, for giving consideration to this most important Bill for our Church and are hopeful in prayer that you will support it.

With every best wish,


Very Rev. Mitko Mitrev
Deputy Prelate



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23 June 2010

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It has come to my attention that my letter of 16 June 2010 has been circulated publicly by persons who are under the misapprehension that I was purporting by that letter to represent the Committees of Churches whose Parish Priests are under the canonical appointment of His Eminence, Bishop Petar Karevski.

I reiterate that as a Deputy Prelate of the Diocesan Province of New South Wales, Queensland and Canberra I represent and speak on behalf of all Priests who serve their pastoral ministry in the Churches and Monastery listed in my letter of 16 June 2010 by a canonical appointment of Bishop Karevski. I do not and cannot speak on behalf of the Committees of the Church Communities, nor can they speak on behalf of the Parishes and the Church.

As stated in my letter of 16 June 2010, the support for the Bill is expressed on behalf of all Parish Priests serving their ministry in the Diocesan Province.

I am grateful for the opportunity to address the Parliament in this manner.

With every best wish,



Very Rev. Mitko Mitrev
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- o Nativity of the Holy Mother of God Cathedral Temple, Sydenham, Victoria;
- o Monastery St Prohor Pcinski, Donnybrook, Victoria;
- o St Prophet Ilija, Footscray, Victoria;
- o Monastery St Naum of Ohrid, Rocklyn, Victoria;
- o St Nikola, Preston, Victoria;
- o St Petka, Mill Park, Victoria;
- o St Zlata of Meglen, Hoppers Crossing, Victoria;
- o St Dimitrij of Solun, Springvale, Victoria;
- o St John the Baptist, Geelong, Victoria;
- o Holy Mother of Good, Woodville South, South Australia;
- o St Nikola, North Perth, Western Australia (69 Angove St, North Perth); and
- o St Nikola, North Perth, Western Australia (8 Macedonia Place, North Perth).

On behalf of all Parish Priests serving their pastoral ministry in the Diocesan Province, I thank the NSW Parliament for introducing the Bill. We know of the benefits enjoyed by many Christian churches in this country, under similar legislation for a statutory property trust. We eagerly await the opportunity for our Church to be able to organise its property holdings through a centralised, statutory trust structure and to continue to more effectively carry out its religious and charitable mission for the good of all people of Australia.

We, the Parish Priests of the Diocesan Province, are grateful to the Members of the NSW Parliament for now taking time to consider the implications and benefits of the proposed statutory trust for our Church and are hopeful in prayer that you will support it.

With God's blessings and every best wish,



Very Rev. Tone Gulev
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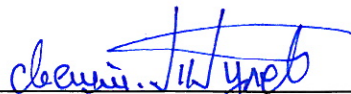
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Deputy Prelate

"Macedonian Orthodox Church "St Basil the Great"

(FOR NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT)

МАКЕДОНСКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦРКОВНА ОПШТИНА "СВ. ВАСИЛИЈ ВЕЛИКИ"
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Newcastle 17 June 2010

To the Members of the NSW Parliament,


This letter is to confirm the support of the Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St Basil the Great" in Newcastle, New South Wales for the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010*, recently introduced in the Parliament of New South Wales.

The Church Committee understands that the Bill does not affect the properties of the "St Basil the Great" Church, but only the Diocesan properties held jointly by His Eminence, Metropolitan Karevski, Fr. Simonovski and Fr. Gulev which will immediately vest in the statutory trust upon the enactment of the Bill.

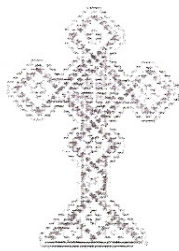
This is an important endeavour for the Church in Australia and the Committee of "St Basil the Great" Church provides their support for the Bill.

With God's blessings and every good wish,


Very Rev. Mome Smiljkovski
Elder and Parish Priest


Mr. Sten Velich
President

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10th August 2010

To the Members of the NSW Parliament,

This letter is to confirm that the Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St Kliment of Ohrid" in Port Kembla, New South Wales considered the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010*, recently introduced in the Parliament of New South Wales.

The Church Committee understands that the Bill only affects the Diocesan properties held jointly by His Eminence, Metropolitan Karevski (Petar Karevski), Deputy Bishop Simonovski (Jovica Simonovski) and Fr Gulev (Tone Gulev), being the properties upon which are located the Macedonian Orthodox Churches "Holy Mother of God" in Liverpool, New South Wales, "Nativity of Holy Mother of God" in Sydneham, Victoria, "Holy Mother of God" in Woodville South, South Australia, and the Macedonian Orthodox Monastery "Saint Prohor Pcinski" in Donnybrook, Victoria. It is understood that these four properties are the only ones that will immediately vest in the statutory trust upon the enactment of the Bill.

The Church Committee also understands that the Bill does not affect the properties of the "St Kliment of Ohrid" Church at 60 Keira St, Port Kembla and the "St Petka" Monastery at 11 West Dapto Road, Kembla Grange, nor can they be mandatorily or forcefully transferred to the proposed statutory trust. It is on this understanding that this Church Committee provides its support for the Bill.

With God's blessings and every good wish,

President of Macedonian Orthodox Church Saint Kliment Ohridski Port Kembla

Goce Petkovski



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16 June 2010

To the Members of NSW Parliament,

This letter is to confirm the support of the Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Resurrection of Jesus Christ" in Rockdale, New South Wales for the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010*.

It was a joyous day when we learned that the Bill was introduced in the Parliament of New South Wales. The Committee held a meeting on 12 June 2010 to discuss the Bill, which was wholeheartedly accepted in the belief that it will assist the Macedonian Orthodox Church to consolidate and better organise its landholdings in the country. This will help the Church to more efficiently carry out its religious and charitable mission for the good of all people in Australia.

The Committee understands that the Bill only affects the Diocesan properties held jointly by His Eminence, Metropolitan Karevski, Fr Simonovski and Fr Gulev which will immediately vest in the statutory trust upon the enactment of the Bill. This is important to settle any feelings of misconception in the community as to who owns church property.

Our Church "Resurrection of Jesus Christ" does not own any landholdings at the moment, but it is hoped that an opportunity for land acquisition will arise some time in future. We understand that the proposed statutory trust will have broad powers, including a power to purchase land throughout Australia for the needs of the Church and also that there is a mechanism in the Bill for voluntary transfers to the trust of properties currently held by various persons. We applaud the efforts of all persons involved in the preparation of this Bill which assists the Church to organise its property structures and yet observes matters that have historically been of relevance to the community.

The Committee and the parishioners of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "Resurrection of Jesus Christ", Rockdale thank the Members of Parliament for giving consideration to this Bill. We pray for your good health and wisdom in the important work that you do for the citizens of New South Wales and this country.

May God's blessing be with you,


Very Rev. Mitko Mitrev
Elder and Parish Priest


Mr Jovan Todorovski
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"BISER"

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 "St. John the Baptist" in Geelong, Victoria for the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010*, recently introduced in the Parliament of New South Wales.

Macedonian
Catering
Service
"KRISTAL"

The Committee understands that the Bill does not affect the properties of the "St John the Baptist" Church, but only the Diocesan properties held jointly by His Eminence, Metropolitan Karevski, Fr Simonovski and Fr Gulev which will vest in the statutory trust immediately on the enactment of the Bill.

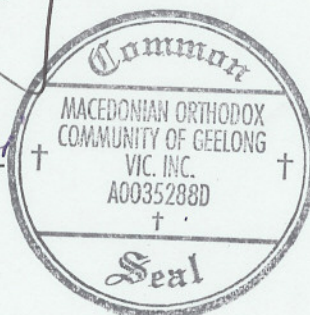
This is an important endeavour for the Church in Australia and the Committee of "St John the Baptist" Church provides its support for the Bill.

With God's blessings and every good wish,

Macedonian
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Section

Very Rev. Cedomir Ilievski
Elder and Parish Priest

Mr Mitko Nikolovski
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PERTH, WA

To the Members of the NSW Parliament,

This letter is to confirm the support of the Committee of the Macedonian Orthodox Church "St. Nikola" in North Perth, Western Australia (at 69 Angove St. North Perth) for the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010*, recently introduced in the Parliament of New South Wales.

The Church Committee understands that the Bill does not affect the properties of the "St. Nikola" Church, but only the Diocesan properties held jointly by His Eminence, Metropolitan Karevski, Fr Simonovski and Fr Gulev which will vest in the statutory trust immediately on the enactment of the Bill.

This is an important Endeavour for the Church in Australia and the Committee of "St. Nikola" Church provides its support for the Bill.

With God's blessings and every good wish,

Very Rev. Father Vesko Karanfilovski
Elder and Parish Priest

Mr Koste Suleski
President





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РОЖДЕСТВО НА ПРЕСВЕТА БОГОРОДИЦА
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18 June 2010

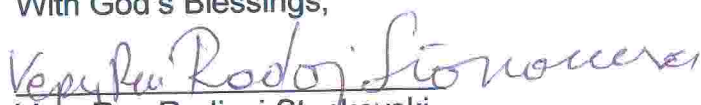
To the Members of NSW Parliament,

I am the parish priest Very Reverend Radivoj Stankovski of the Macedonian Orthodox Church, Nativity of Saint Marie in Brisbane, Queensland. I occupy this role pursuant to an ecclesiastical appointment by his Eminence, Metropolitan Peter Karevski.

His Eminence addressed this church to inform of and explain the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010* and I understand that it is in accordance with the statute of the Macedonian Orthodox Church to diocese of Australia and New Zealand and resolution passed at the Diocesan Assembly and executed by the Diocesan Ruling Committee.

As the Parish Priest of the Church I accept and support the Bill and it is my prayer that it be passed. I am most grateful for the opportunity to make this address to the parliament. I am aware that parishioners of this Church, who are committed to the Macedonian Orthodox Church and understand its Position, are also supportive of the bill.

With God's Blessings,


Very Rev Radivoj Stankovski



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To the Members of the NSW Parliament,

I am the Parish Priest of the Church St Nikola, 8 Macedonia Pl. North Perth in WA. I occupy this role pursuant to an ecclesiastical appointment by His Eminence, Metropolitan Petar Karevski.

His Eminence addressed this Church to inform of and explain the *Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010* and I understand that it is in accordance with the Statute of the Macedonian Orthodox Church Diocese of Australia and New Zealand and resolutions passed at the Diocesan Assembly and executed by the Diocesan Ruling Committee.

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With God's blessings,

Very Rev. Stanko Jovanovski
Parish Priest

(Macedonian version)

До членовите на Парламентот на Нов Јужен Велс,

Јас сум Парохискиот свештеник во Црквата Св.Никола, 8 Macedonia Pl. Perth WA. Ја имам оваа положба со канонско назначување на Неговото Високопреосвештенство, Митрополитот Петар Каревски.

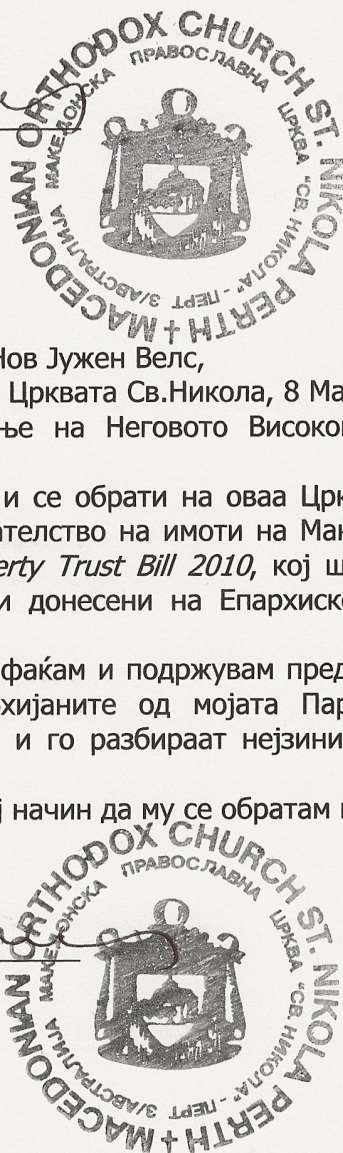
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Благодарен сум што можам на овој начин да му се обратам на Парламентот.

Со благослов,

Протоереј Станко Јовановски
Парохиски свештеник



No. 15
25th June,2010

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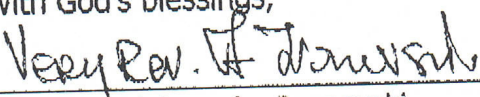
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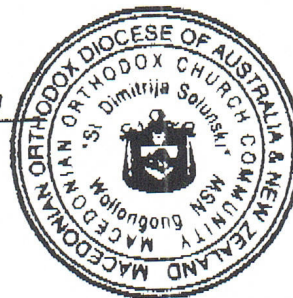
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As the Parish Priest I accept and support the Bill and it is my prayer that it be
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committed to the Macedonian Orthodox Church and understand its
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I am most grateful for the opportunity to make this address to the Parliament.

With God's blessings,


Very Rev.Aleksandar Ivanovski
Parish Priest



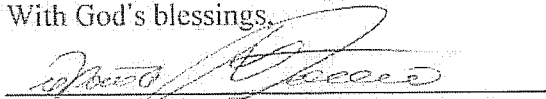
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(Macedonian version)

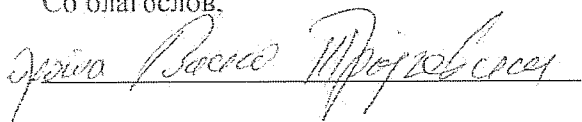
До членовите на Парламентот на Нов Јужен Велс,

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