

**INQUIRY INTO THE MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX  
CHURCH PROPERTY TRUST BILL 2010**

**Name:** Various individuals

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**Name:** Various submission authors (list attached)

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To the Director,

General Purpose Standing Committee NO.3,

Legislative Council, Parliament House of NSW.

Re: Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my concern on this very important matter the Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010.

As I understand the effects of the bill is to transfer ownership of Macedonian community properties in trust of the Metropolitan Bishop and few other people of his choice.

Please note that all property of the Macedonian community in NSW and Australia has been acquired by donated money and labour of the local communities and most certainly not the Metropolitan Bishop. The community properties are not used only as a church but for the use of many cultural organisations such as soccer clubs, dancing groups, pensioner groups, singing contest, drama classes, fashion shows, English and Macedonian classes and many other multicultural community activities.

We Australian Macedonians have successfully built and established these properties and we have and will continue to manage them for and on behalf of the community members and parishioners through democratically established associations within the Australian rules and regulations.

The transfer of all community property and assets should not be placed in trust of the Metropolitan Bishop or any other individual for that matter, including myself. I am extremely concerned that the Metropolitan Bishop as a trustee has the authority to sell some or all community property as he will have the ultimate authority to do as he wishes.

The bill presents a serious concern to me as there has been no community consultation so I ask you to please have the Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010 voted against as I object to having it passed.

Once again thank you.

Yours Faithfully,

Name

Address

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

To:

The Director  
General Purpose Standing Committee NO.3  
Legislative Council, Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir / Madam

**RE: Macedonian Orthodox Church Trust Bill 2010**

I,

(name)

of

(address)

(phone number)

hereby forward this letter to you to express my objection to the passing of the Macedonian Orthodox Church Trust Bill 2010 for the following reasons:

1. There has been a lack of community consultation with respect to the Bill.
2. The Bill allows for property to be transferred to a new corporation which is effectively controlled by foreign persons.
3. Significant time, effort and money has been provided by myself and other local people and business to acquire property for the benefit of our local churches and for the local community and I do not wish for such assets to be held by a new and unknown organisation controlled by people who were not elected by the community.
4. The Bill unfairly reduces the accountability of existing trustees by allowing them to escape liability upon transferring property to the new statutory corporation.

(Signed)

(Date)

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