

**Parish Administration Ordinance**  
**Regulation 14**

14. **Property**
- a. The Parish Council may propose in its own right or upon the recommendation of the Diocesan Council the closure, sale, exchange, mortgage, alteration or addition to, demolition or removal of parochial property, the purchase of property or erection of new parochial property.
  - b. The Parish Council shall accept financial responsibility for such transaction and shall be responsible for its adoption or rejection and any ramifications relating thereto.
  - c. No transaction relating to the sale, exchange, mortgage, alteration or addition to, demolition or removal of parochial property or the purchase of property or erection of new buildings for parochial purposes shall be entered into without
    1. the electors of the Parish having been informed at public worship and through any parish or public media as the Parish Council may deem appropriate at least twenty-one days before the matter is to be debated for decision by the Parish Council inviting objections or otherwise to be submitted in writing to the Parish Secretary,
    2. the approval of the Parish Council, and
    3. the approval of the Diocesan Council.
  - d. No property of the Parish may be leased to another party without the approval of
    1. the Parish Council,
    2. the Diocesan Council, and
    3. the Trustees of the Diocese.
- (Amended 2000) e. Matters relating to property requiring approval of the Diocesan Council shall be submitted to the Registrar at least fourteen days prior to the meeting of the Diocesan Council at which approval is requested.
- (Amended 2000) f. No written agreement or contract regarding property shall be entered into by the Incumbent, the Churchwardens or the Parish Council, but any such agreement or contract shall be submitted to the Diocesan Council through the Registrar for signing and sealing by the Trustees of the Diocese.
- (Amended 1999) g.
  1. The Parish Council shall insure and keep insured all properties of the Parish through the Insurance Scheme arranged by the Diocesan Council.
  2. That in accordance with Parish Administration Ordinance, Regulation 5p the Diocesan Council resolves that parish property shall be insured through the Insurance Scheme arranged by the Diocesan Council.
- h. No church shall be used for any purpose other than
  1. the celebration of Divine Service,
  2. the administration of the Sacraments,
  3. the performance of the rites and ordinances of the Anglican Church of Australia,
  4. religious instruction or devotions,
  5. a church meeting, or
  6. such other purpose as the Bishop may from time to time approve.
- i. No church shall be used for the rites other than that of the Anglican Church of Australia without the prior written consent of the Bishop.
- (Amended 2000) j. No meeting, entertainment or gathering of persons shall be held in any parochial building without the full prior knowledge and consent of the Incumbent or in the case of a vacancy in the cure of the Parish without the consent of the Registrar and with the approval of the Churchwardens.
- k. The Churchwardens shall be responsible for the care of properties of the Parish.