

PROTOCOL 1
1997¹

**THE MINISTRY OF BISHOPS TO ABORIGINAL PEOPLES
OF AUSTRALIA**

We, the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia, rejoice that the Diocese of North Queensland gladly allows Bishop _____ to be available to minister to Aboriginal Christians in the other dioceses of our Church.

We rejoice that Bishop _____ is prepared to assist us in our mission and ministry with the Aboriginal people of our dioceses.

In order to both facilitate the ministry of Bishop _____ in our dioceses and to respect the bishop's primary responsibility as an Assistant Bishop of North Queensland we agree as follows:

1. We give to Bishop _____ our permission and authority to exercise the ministry of a Bishop among the Aboriginal people of our respective dioceses provided that:
 - a) except when the invitation to minister has come from us, Bishop _____ will always consult with us and obtain approval when proposing to minister in our dioceses;
 - b) Bishop _____ will always provide us with a report on the bishop's ministry in our dioceses;
 - c) Bishop _____ will never ordain or confirm in our dioceses without our express invitation and permission.
2. Prior to Bishop _____ ministering in our dioceses we will always come to an agreement with the Diocese of North Queensland as to the financial contribution we will make to the Diocese of North Queensland with respect to the bishop's fares and expenses.
3. We recognise that if Bishop _____'s visits to our dioceses will mean the bishop will be away from home for extended periods of time, we will expect to cover the cost of Bishop _____'s spouse accompanying the bishop on such visits.
4. That this permission and authority will extend until _____ when it will be reviewed; however, we reserve the right to terminate the permission and authority prior to _____.

¹ Amended 2008. *Note: This protocol is a voluntary agreement by the bishops for the exercise of their ministry.*