

PROTOCOL 13
2008⁹

**THE MINISTRY OF BISHOPS TO TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
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 Torres Strait Islander Christians in the other dioceses of our Church.

We rejoice that Bishop ____ is prepared to assist us in our mission and ministry with the Torres Strait Islander 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 Torres Strait Islander 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 _____.

⁹ See also Protocol 1 relating to Episcopal ministry to Aboriginal peoples. *Note: This protocol is a voluntary agreement by the bishops for the exercise of their ministry.*