

PROTOCOL 3
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COLLEGIALITY IN THE EPISCOPATE

As bishops of the Australian Church we recognise that our ministry requires both personal integrity and collegial responsibility. In order to commend our faith to the wider community and the Church as a community worth taking seriously, to maintain the collegiality of the Episcopate, and to uphold the doctrine and discipline of the Anglican Church of Australia; we agree to:

1. Whenever possible consult with one another before publicly disagreeing with the views or theological and doctrinal comments of one another.
2. Take care not to misquote or misrepresent one another's views in public comment, nor attribute lesser motives to one another.
3. Always speak well of one another and uphold one another in prayer even in times of disagreement.

² *Note: This protocol is a voluntary agreement by the bishops for the exercise of their ministry.*