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Freedom of Information Publication Coversheet

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1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Documents and schedule	Published
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6. Processing time (in working days)	24
7. Decision made by Ombudsman	N/A
8. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	N/A
9. Decision made by ACAT	N/A
10. Additional information identified by ACAT	N/A

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMTEDD FOI](#)
Subject: Freedom of Information request
Date: Sunday, 30 June 2019 6:03:06 PM

Please find online enquiry details below. Please ensure this enquiry is responded to within fourteen working days.

Your details

All fields are optional, however an email address OR full postal address must be provided for us to process your request. An email address and telephone contact number will assist us to contact you quickly if we need to discuss your request.

Title: [REDACTED]
First Name: [REDACTED]
Last Name: [REDACTED]
Business/Organisation: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Suburb: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
State/Territory: [REDACTED]
Phone/mobile: [REDACTED]
Email address: [REDACTED]

Request for information

(Please provide as much detail as possible, for example subject matter and relevant dates, and also provide details of documents that you are not interested in.)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 I want to access the following document/s (*required field):

All the documents that were submitted in May/June 2018 (last year) to Access Canberra Births, Deaths and Marriages Team in order to register a [REDACTED] as a Minister of Religion for the Free Serbian Orthodox Church in Forrest Canberra. I am requesting the forms that were submitted for this to occur and any explanatory letter as to why he was being registered almost 2 months after he officiated at a wedding at the FSOC St George Church in Forrest last April 2018. If there is any letter/document 'blaming' someone for this late registration, then I am requesting that too - whether it is from the Church Committee in Forrest or the Diocese in Brisbane. Thank You, [REDACTED]

I do not want to access the following documents in relation to my request::

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMTEDD FOI](#)
Subject: Freedom of Information request
Date: Sunday, 30 June 2019 6:49:27 PM

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Title:
First Name:
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Postcode:
State/Territory:
Phone/mobile:
Email address:



Request for information

(Please provide as much detail as possible, for example subject matter and relevant dates, and also provide details of documents that you are not interested in.)

I am requesting a letter that was sent to Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate at Access Canberra dated 12/01/2018. It may have been redirected to Community, Industry and Licensing? It was sent by the Diocesan Executive Board of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand their address being in South Brisbane QLD. Within the letter's body it has a list of names of 43 individuals. It may have arrived at it's destination anytime in January or February 2018 - maybe even later. I was told that it had been sent in January though... I would also request any other letter or documentation that was sent with it. Thank You, [REDACTED]

I do not want to access the following documents in relation to my request::

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator




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Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

Our ref: CMTEDDFOI2019-145 & 146





via email: 

Dear 

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your applications under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 1 July 2019, in which you sought access to:

CMTEDD2019-145 - *"All the documents that were submitted in May/June 2018 (last year) to Access Canberra Births, Deaths and Marriages Team in order to register a   as a Minister of Religion for the Free Serbian Orthodox Church in Forrest Canberra"; and*

CMTEDD2019-146 - *"...a letter that was sent to Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate at Access Canberra dated 12/01/2018. It may have been redirected to Community, Industry and Licensing? It was sent by the Diocesan Executive Board of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand their address being in South Brisbane QLD. Within the letter's body it has a list of names of 43 individuals. It may have arrived at its destination anytime in January or February 2018 - maybe even later. I was told that it had been sent in January though... I would also request any other letter or documentation that was sent with it".*

Section 43(2) of the Act allows for a respondent to consider two or more applications as one application if the applications are related and are made by the same applicant. As both requests are from the same applicant and related closely to each other a decision has been made to combine the requests and respond using the timeline of the first application (CMTEDDFOI 2019-145).

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of CMTEDD under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD was required to provide a decision on your access application by 29 July 2019, however due to third party consultation the due date was extended to 19 August 2019.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant documents and seven documents were identified that fall within the scope of your request.

I have included as **Attachment A** to this decision the schedule of relevant documents. This provides a description of each document that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for each of those documents.

Third party consultation

In determining this access request, I identified that some of the information may reasonably be expected to be of concern to a third party. In accordance with section 38 of the Act, I have undertaken third party consultation. I have considered the contentions raised by the third party in making this decision.

In accordance with section 54(2) of the Act a statement of reasons outlining my decision is below.

Statement of Reasons

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- the Act;
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request;
- the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Public Interest

The Act has a presumption in favour of disclosure. As a decision maker I am required to decide where, on balance, public interest lies. As part of this process I must consider factors favouring disclosure and factors favouring non-disclosure.

In *Hogan v Hinch* (2011) 243 CLR 506, [31] French CJ stated that when 'used in a statute, the term [public interest] derives its content from "the subject matter and the scope and purpose" of the enactment in which it appears'. Section 17(1) of the Act sets out the test, to be applied to determine whether disclosure of information would be contrary to the public interest. These factors are found in subsection 17(2) and Schedule 2 of the Act.

Taking into consideration the information contained in the documents found to be within the scope of your request, I have identified that the following public interest factors are relevant to determine if release of the information contained within these documents is within the 'public interest'.

Factors favouring disclosure (Schedule 2.1)

Taking into consideration the information contained in the documents found to be within the scope of your request, I have identified that the following public interest factors are

relevant to determine if release of the information contained within these documents is within the 'public interest':

- (a) *disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to do any of the following:*
 - (viii) *reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.*

Having considered the factors identified as relevant in this matter, I consider that release of information contained in the documents within the scope of your request will provide you with the background information and the steps taken to address possible breaches of the *Associations Incorporations Act 1991*. I am satisfied the information contained within these documents is within the public interest to release as they reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that has formed that decision.

Factors favouring non-disclosure (Schedule 2 section 2.2)

As required in the public interest test set out in section 17 of the Act, I have also identified the following public interest factor in favour of non-disclosure that I believe is relevant to determine if release of the information contained within these documents is within the 'public interest':

- (a) *disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to do any of the following:*
 - (ii) *prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy or any other right under the Human Rights Act 2004; and*
 - (xi) *prejudice trade secrets, business affairs or research of an agency or person.*

When considering the documents and factors in favour of non-disclosure, I have considered the personal information contained in the documents. Whilst I am satisfied that the names and contact information of ACT Government employees should be released as these individuals were acting in their official capacity and the personal information being released is done so in relation to these individuals exercising their delegations in a work-related capacity. I am not satisfied that the personal information of private individuals including signatures, a date of birth, private residential addresses, mobile numbers, email addresses and the names of the people excommunicated from the church should be released. Based on my examination of the relevant documents, I consider it is unreasonable to release the personal information of third parties that are not ACT Government employees. These individuals are entitled to expect that the personal information they have supplied as part of a process will be dealt with in a manner that protects their privacy. Considering the type of information to be withheld from release, I am satisfied that the factors in favour of release can still be met while protecting the personal information of the individuals involved.

I therefore weight the factor for non-disclosure more highly than the factor in favour of release in this instance. As a result, I have decided that releasing information of individuals who are not ACT Government employees could prejudice their right to privacy under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

The second factor I have identified as relevant in considering your access application is the prejudice that could occur in releasing trade secrets, business affairs or research of an agency or person. In the case of *Re Mangan and The Treasury* [2005] AATA 898 the term 'business affairs' was interpreted as meaning 'the totality of the money-making affairs of an organisation or undertaking as distinct from its private or internal affairs'.

Having reviewed the documents identified, I am satisfied that the documents contain information related to the business affairs of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church. I am of the view that the information contained in the documents is sensitive in nature in particular the list of paid up financial members and the results of an independent audit report. I am satisfied this material is business information as it relates to the third party's business affairs and disclosure could reasonably be expected to affect its commercial affairs.

Noting the pro-disclosure intent of the Act, I am satisfied that redacting only the information that is not in the public interest to release, while releasing the rest of the documents will ensure the intent of the Act is met and will provide you with access to the majority of information held by CMTEDD within the scope of your request.

Charges

Pursuant to *Freedom of Information (Fees) Determination 2017 (No 2)* processing charges are not applicable for this request because the total number of pages to be released to you is below the charging threshold of 50 pages.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, CMTEDD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you in response to your access application will be published in the CMTEDD disclosure log 3 days after the date of my decision. Your personal contact details will not be published. You may view the CMTEDD disclosure log at <https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/functions/foi/disclosure-log>.

Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek a review by the Ombudsman of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in the CMTEDD disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman

GPO Box 442

CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made by the Ombudsman under section 82(1), you may apply to the ACAT for a review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore St
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please contact me by telephone on 02 6207 7754 or by email at CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Riley
Information Officer
Information Access Team
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

2 August 2019



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

NAME	WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST	Reference NO.
[REDACTED]	All the documents that were submitted in May/June 2018 (last year) to Access Canberra Births, Deaths and Marriages Team in order to register a [REDACTED] as a Minister of Religion for the Free Serbian Orthodox Church in Forrest Canberra.	CMTEDDFOI20192019-145 & 2019-146

Ref No	Page number	Description	Date	Status	Reason for Exemption	Online Release Status
1	1	Nomination for registration of minister of religion	11 Apr 2018	Partial release	Sch 2 s2.2 (a)(ii)	Yes
2	2-3	Letter	3 Oct 2018	Full release	N/A	Yes
3	4-6	Email and attachment	10 Oct 2018	Partial release	Sch 2 s2.2 (a)(ii)	Yes
4	7-11	Form A9	12 Jan 2018	Partial release	Sch 2 s2.2 (a)(ii)	Yes
5	12-16	Form AR	16 Mar 2018	Partial release	Sch 2 s2.2 (a)(ii)	Yes
6	17-20	Incorporated Association Extract – A.C.T. and associated documents	27 Mar 2018	Full release	N/A	Yes
7	21-30	Financial documents		Partial release	Sch 2 s2.2 (a)(xi)	Yes
Total No of Docs						
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Marriage Act 1961

NOMINATION FOR REGISTRATION OF MINISTER OF RELIGION
(section 29 Marriage Act 1961 (Cth))

The Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia & New Zealand being a recognised denomination for the purposes of the Marriage Act 1961, nominates Rev Fr Aleksandar Popadic who is a Priest of that recognised denomination for registration under Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961.

Dated the 11 day of April, 2018. Bishop of Free Serbian Orthodox Church.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF MINISTER OF RELIGION
(subsection 30(1) Marriage Act 1961 (Cth))

To the Registrar of Ministers of Religion for Australian Capital Territory

I, Rev Fr Aleksandar Popadic

apply for registration under Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961, and set out the following particulars in support of my application:

- 1. I am a Priest of Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia & New Zealand
2. I ordinarily reside at 32 National Circuit, Forrest ACT
3. I have attained the age of twenty-one years, having been born on [redacted]

Dated the 11 day of April, 2018. [redacted signature]

STATUTORY DECLARATION
Statutory Declarations Act 1959

- 1 Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration
2 Set out matter declared to in numbered paragraphs
3 Signature of person making the declaration
4 Place
5 Day
6 Month and year
7 Signature of person before whom the declaration is made (see over)
8 Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)

I, Aleksandar Popadic 32 National Circuit Forrest Act Priest of Free Serbian Orthodox Church, make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959:
I declare that the particulars set out in the support of the above application for registration as an authorised marriage celebrant for a recognised denomination are true.
I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

[Handwritten signature]

Declared at 11 of APRIL

Rebecca Jane Boyd
Justice of the Peace (NSW)
No: 200849

Court House
2 Farrer Place
Queanbeyan 2620
Ph: 6298 0409

I certify 2018 I saw the face of the declarant/deponent. I confirmed the person's identity with Licence ACT 5294070.

Note: 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years... 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959...



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The Secretary

The Free Serbian Orthodox Church St. George in Canberra Diocese for Australia Inc. (A00101)

PO Box 3339

MANUKA ACT 2603

E: saintgeorgefsoc@gmail.com

Dear Fr Popadic

Access Canberra is responsible for the administration of the *Association Incorporations Act 1991* in the Australian Capital Territory. I ask that you bring this letter to the attention of the committee.

Access Canberra has received a complaint about the governance of the The Free Serbian Orthodox Church St. George in Canberra Diocese for Australia Inc. (the Free Serbian Orthodox Church). The complaint alleges the current committee has not adhered to the Church's Constitution or the *Associations Incorporations Act 1991* (the Act).

Access Canberra has also been informed that members of The Free Serbian Orthodox Church petitioned the committee to hold a special meeting in accordance with the rules, but this petition was refused. If the holding of a special meeting is permitted under the rules of the association the committee must hold the meeting or the members can convene it themselves and make decisions that may be binding on the association.

The complaint received alleges breaches of the *Association Incorporations Act 1991* and The Free Serbian Orthodox Church's constitution. Details of the complaints are set out below for your reference:-

- No Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held for the year 2017/2018;
- The current committee was not validly elected by the members.
- The annual return statement dated 25 March 2018 has committee positions as members only and does not define their actual positions
- The audited financial statements were not been presented to the members as required.
- The annual return form submitted 26 March 2018 contains information that is not factually correct in that the complaint alleges members were not presented with the audited accounts at the annual general meeting held on 18 February 2018. Section 13 of the Annual Return states "Statement by Public Officer and Committee" "we confirm the committee listed in this document reflects the outcome of the AGM and that the AGM was called and conducted in accordance with the association's rules/constitution lodged with A"

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- The association members called an extraordinary meeting on 14 January 2018 and the current committee has ignored the result of that meeting.
- On 25 May 2018 there was a signed member's request for a special assembly requesting an AGM and this request has been ignored.
- The complaint alleges sections 25, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 63A, 63B, 64, 67, 69, 70, 73 and 79 of the *Association Incorporations Act 1991* have been breached.

To enable Access Canberra to make enquiries into the allegations, please provide copies of the following documents and information to Access Canberra by no later than close of business on 13 October 2018:


1. A list of all current members of the association advising the date joined.
2. Minutes of the general meeting held on 18 February 2018 together with a list of attendees, the agenda, the matters discussed and any decisions made.
3. The names and addresses of the members of the current committee noting the position they hold in the committee.

In addition to the complaints raised above, Access Canberra received a "Change of Committee Particulars Form" for lodgement on 5 September 2018 which seeks to appoint a new Committee. In order for Access Canberra to determine whether this document should be accepted for lodgement, this letter is to provide you with the opportunity to respond to the above complaints and provide the requested documents which will assist Access Canberra in determining whether there have been any breaches of the Act.

Please note that if a response is not received addressing the matters raised above, the Change of Committee Particulars Form may be accepted for lodgement.

If you have any questions about the above matter please phone me on 02 6205 3795.

Yours sincerely



Heather Kellie
Assistant Manager
Community, Industry and Trader Licensing
3 October 2018



Aleksandar Popadic <fr.aleksandar.popadic@gmail.com>

Fwd: Free Serbian Orthodox Church-school Congregation St. George - Forrest

1 message

Fr Dr Simeon Miscevic <2.2(a)(ii)>
To: Aleksandar Popadic <2.2(a)(ii)>

Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 1:07 PM

**Very Rev Fr Dr Simeon (Mišćević)**

Bishop's Secretary

Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia & New Zealand

St Nicholas Monastery

A: 243-247 Vulture Street South Brisbane QLD 4101

T: (07) 3255 3333

M: 2.2(a)(ii)

E: 2.2(a)(ii)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Fr Dr Simeon Miscevic** <2.2(a)(ii)>

Date: пет, 12. јан 2018. у 11:35

Subject: Free Serbian Orthodox Church-school Congregation St. George - Forrest

To: <CMTEDDCorporate@act.gov.au>

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached copy of letter for Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.

Kind regards,

**Very Rev Fr Dr Simeon (Mišćević)**

Bishop's Secretary

Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia & New Zealand

St Nicholas Monastery

A: 243-247 Vulture Street South Brisbane QLD 4101

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COMITY OF FREE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH-SCHOOL
CONGREGATION ST GEORGE

Executive Board of Free Serbian Orthodox Diocese Orthodox Church for Australia and New Zealand under the presidency of His Grace Rt Rev Bishop Ambrose and present members: Mr Ratomir Nesic, Vice-Chair of the Diocesan Council, Very Rev Archimandrite Hristifor, Diocesan Secretary, Very Rev Protosingel Dr. Simeon, Bishop's Secretary, Jovan Banjanina, General Secretary for English, at its session held on January 12, 2018 at the Diocesan Seat, St. Nicholas Monastery in South Brisbane, on the basis of the Constitution and Rules of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church of the Diocese for Australia and New Zealand, brings the following

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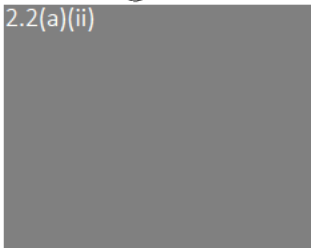
Administration of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation St. George Great-martyr – Forest ACT, under the presidency of Mr. Stevan Ilic is dismissed from their duties and is placed in charge of handing over the keys, books of records, book of minutes, financial books, bank accounts, chequebook and cash from the cash register to the parish priest Rev Fr Aleksandar Popadic within 24 hours from the receipt of this Decision.

Diocesan Executive Board appointed members of the receivership: Rev Fr Aleksandar Popadic, parish priest of Free Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation St. George Great-martyr, Forest, ACT, Mr Stevan Ilic, ex-president of Free Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation St. George Great-martyr, Forest, ACT, Mr Radislav Slavkovic, ex-vice-president of Free Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation St. George Great-martyr, Forest, ACT, Mrs. Andja Ristic, ex-treasurer of Free Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation St. George Great-martyr, Forest, ACT. For deputies, Diocesan Executive Board appointed Mr Djordje Ristic, Mrs Mara Rajak, Mr Jovo Zoric and Mr Miroljub Stefanovic.

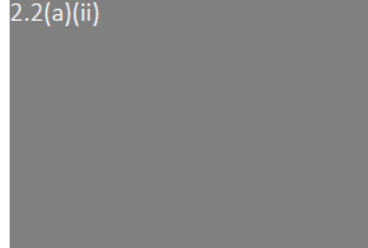
With the same decision, from the membership are excluded the signatories of the petition against the legal status of Free Serbian Orthodox Church of the Diocese for Australia and New Zealand:

The same decision regards the following people who have been excommunicated from the said church congregation due to signing an illegal petition against the constitution of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand, including:

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The Diocesan Council of Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand will call the annual general meeting when it receives enough assurance that such meeting will be held in the piece and without breaches of the Constitutional Rules.

EXPLANATION OF DESITION

Comity of Free Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation St George, Forrest, ACT, state that, excepting secretary of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation Rev. Fr Aleksandar Popadić, president Mr Stevan Ilić, vice-president Rade Slavković and treasurer Mrs Anđa Ristić all other above named persons have been in serious breach of the Constitution and Rules of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand so that:

1. The decision of the Diocesan Executive Board of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand, action number 122/2016:CM states that it is forbidden to all members of the Diocesan Council and all other members of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregations to communicate in any form with representatives of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Australia without prior knowledge, approval and explicit blessing by His Grace Rt Rev Bishop Ambrose. This being the decision that was made at the meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Board of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church for Australia and New Zealand that was held on 9. December 2016 at the Bishop's residence at St Sava Monastery - New Kalenic.
2. Article 118, paragraph 4 of the Free Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand Constitution is specific regarding breaches of direct decisions made by the Diocesan Advisory Board.
3. Article 117 of Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand Constitution states that Comity of each Free Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation is obliged to take strict care of its all enhancing functions so to adhere to the Constitution of Free Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand.

4. Article 53 of Free Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand Constitution states that the Oaths of Allegiance was performed by the parish priest, Rev Fr Aleksandar Popadic.
5. Paragraph 285 in the judgement of Supreme Court of NSW of 29/05/2015 stipulates Free Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation St George, Forrest is an inseparable part of Free Serbian Orthodox Diocese for Australia and New Zealand.
6. Paragraph 293 in the judgement from the NSW Supreme Court of 29/05/2015 stipulates that FSOC and School Congregation of St George Forrest belong under the jurisdiction His Grace Bishop Ambrose, being Ruling Bishop of Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand.
7. And in general, all other activities committed against interest and aims of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese for Australia and New Zealand.

Bishop's Residence
St Nicholas Monastery
South Brisbane



Vice-president
of Diocesan Council

Diocesan
Secretary

For the Bishop
Bishop's Secretary

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Ratomir Nesic

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Very Rev Fr Archimandrite
Hristifor Nedjic

Very Rev Protosingel Dr
Simeon Miscevic

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CHANGE OF COMMITTEE PARTICULARS - FORM A9

Associations Incorporation Act 1991 Associations Incorporation Regulation 1991

1. ASSOCIATION NAME					ASSOCIATION NUMBER	
THE FREE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ST. GEORGE inc.					AO 0101	
2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBER (The committee listed should be those current at the date of lodgement. If you do not want your residential address on the public record, please provide an alternative address which can include a PO box. If there are more committee members than the form allows, please copy this page and attach with application).						
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL		
Member	Mr	Stero	ILic	N/A		
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE	
2.2(a)(ii)				Continuing	12.1.2018	
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL		
Member	Mr	Radislav	Slavkovic	N/A		
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE	
2.2(a)(ii)				Continuing	12.1.2018	
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL		
Member	Mrs	Anja	Ristic	N/A		
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE	
2.2(a)(ii)				Continuing	12.1.18	
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL		
Member	Mr	Djordje	Ristic	2.2(a)(ii)		
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE	
2.2(a)(ii)				New	12.1.2018	
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL		
Member	Mr	Aleksandar	Popadic	2.2(a)(ii)		
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE	
32 National Ct Forrest 2603				Continuing	12.1.2018	
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL		
Member	Mr	Miroslav	Stefanovic	2.2(a)(ii)		
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE	
2.2(a)(ii)				Continuing	12.1.2018	

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CHANGE OF COMMITTEE PARTICULARS
- FORM A9

Associations Incorporation Act 1991
Associations Incorporation Regulation 1991

1. ASSOCIATION NAME				ASSOCIATION NUMBER
The Free Serbian Orthodox Church St. George Inc.				AO 0101
2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBER (The committee listed should be those current at the date of lodgement. If you do not want your residential address on the public record, please provide an alternative address which can include a PO box. If there are more committee members than the form allows, please copy this page and attach with application).				
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL
Member	Mr	JONO	Zoric	N/A
ADDRESS 2.2(a)(ii)				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing) New
				DATE OF CHANGE 12.1.2018
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL
Member	Mrs	Marica	Rajak	N/A
ADDRESS 2.2(a)(ii)				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing) Continuing
				DATE OF CHANGE 12.1.2018
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)
				DATE OF CHANGE
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)
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				DATE OF CHANGE
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)
				DATE OF CHANGE

3. NAME AND SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(Each outgoing committee member must sign this form acknowledging that they are no longer a member of the committee. A statement should be attached explaining the circumstances behind any missing signatures).

COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
MEMBER	MR	2.2(a)(ii)	
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
12.01.2018			
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
MEMBER	MR	2.2(a)(ii)	
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
12.01.2018			
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
MEMBER	MR	2.2(a)(ii)	
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
12.01.2018			
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
MEMBER	MRS	2.2(a)(ii)	
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
12.01.2018			
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
DEPUTY SECRETARY	MRS	2.2(a)(ii)	
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
12.01.2018			
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
DEPUTY TREASURER	MR	2.2(a)(ii)	
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
12.01.2018			
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
COURT OF HONOUR	MR	2.2(a)(ii)	
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
12.01.2018			

3. NAME AND SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
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COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
COURT OF HONOUR	MR	2.2(a)(ii)	
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
12.01.2018			
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
OBSERVING COMMITTEE	MR	2.2(a)(ii)	
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
12.01.2018			
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
GROUND KEEPER	MR	2.2(a)(ii)	
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
12.01.2018			
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
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COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME
DATE OF CHANGE		SIGNATURE OF OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBER	

4. STATEMENT BY COMMITTEE (Must be completed by two current committee members)		
We confirm that the committee listed in this document is the outcome of a meeting or reflects a process that was conducted in accordance with the association's rules/constitution lodged with the Access Canberra		
2.2(a)(ii)		
Signature	25/2/18	RAVISLAV SLAVKOVIC
	Date	Print name and Position
		MEMBER
2.2(a)(ii)		
Signature	25/2/18	Stevko Lic', MEMBER
	Date	Print name and Position

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ANNUAL RETURN – FORM AR

Associations Incorporation Act 1991
Associations Incorporation Regulation 1991

1. ASSOCIATION NAME		ASSOCIATION NUMBER	
Free SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH SAINT GEORGE Inc.		AD 0101	
2. PREFERRED POSTAL ADDRESS OF ASSOCIATION			
PO Box 3339, MANUKA			
		STATE / TERRITORY	POSTCODE
		ACT	2603
3. EMAIL ADDRESS OF ASSOCIATION (if any)		SAINTGEORGEFS02@GMAIL.COM	
4. ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE OF ASSOCIATION (optional - however registered office must be in the ACT)		OFFICE HOURS	
		FROM:	TO:
		STATE / TERRITORY	POSTCODE
		ACT	
5. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CURRENT PUBLIC OFFICER (The public officer must be an ACT resident aged 18 years or older. If you do not want your residential address on the public record, please list an alternative address in the ACT)			
TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAMES	SURNAME	
MR	STEVO	LUCIC	
HOME ADDRESS (Property Name, Unit, Flat No, Street Number, Street Name)			
2.2(a)(ii)			
CITY / SUBURB / TOWN		STATE / TERRITORY	POSTCODE
2.2(a)(ii)		ACT	2.2(a)(ii)
HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER		MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER	
() 2.2(a)(ii)		2.2(a)(ii)	
WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER		EMAIL ADDRESS	
2.2(a)(ii)		N/A	
6. PARTICULARS OF ANNUAL RETURN (Please attach the financial statements and audited report)			
Starting date of association's financial year	1 JAN 2017	Ending date of association's financial Year	31 Dec 2017
Date audit completed	23 JAN 2018	Date of Annual General Meeting (AGM)	N/A
If the accounts were not presented at the AGM, please specify the date of the general meeting at which the audited accounts were passed			18 FEB 2018

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7. REGISTER OF MEMBERS		
Address in the ACT at which the register of members may be viewed		
Level 3 COSMOPOLITAN CENTRE		
21 Bower Street, WOODEN	STATE / TERRITORY	POSTCODE
	ACT	2606
Number of Current Members	8	

8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
Name of Financial Institution	Branch Location
ANZ BANK	MANUKA

9. CATEGORY OF ASSOCIATION	
Please tick if the association's gross receipts exceed \$1,000,000 as such association is 'prescribed' under S.74 of the Act. In this case the auditor must be a registered company auditor under the Corporations Act 2001.	
Please tick if the association's gross receipts and/or assets exceed \$400,000 or the association has more than 1,000 members or has a licence issued under the ACT Liquor Act 2010, the association is prescribed under S.74(3) of the Act. The auditor must either be a registered company auditor under the Corporations Act 2001 (Commonwealth) or be a current member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the Institute of Public Accountants or CPA Australia. The auditor cannot be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o an officer of the association, o a partner, employer or employee of an officer of the association, or o a partner or employee of an employee of an officer of the association. 	
Please tick if the above do not apply. The association is not prescribed and the auditor need not hold qualifications. Accounts may be audited by any adult person who is not an officer/committee member of the association and/or has not prepared or assisted in the preparation of the accounts.	

10. PARTICULARS OF AUDITOR			
TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAMES	SURNAME	QUALIFICATIONS OF AUDITOR (if applicable)
MRS	KATHLEEN	AMMON	FNIAA
ADDRESS			
22 BRASLEY STREET PEARCE ACT 2607			

11. SIGNATURE OF AUDITOR	
(Please provide this only if the auditor has not signed and dated the audit report)	
I have audited the attached financial statements of the association. In my opinion:	
a) the financial statements of the association are properly drawn up; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. so far as to give a true and fair view of the matters required by subsection 72(2) of the Act to be dealt with in the accounts for the financial year reported on; ii. in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and iii. in accordance with proper accounting standards 	
b) proper accounting and other records have been kept by the association	
c) the audit was conducted in accordance with the rules of the association.	
DATE AUDIT COMPLETED	23 / 1 / 2018
2.2(a)(ii)	
Auditor's Signature	Date
	16/2/2018

13. STATEMENT BY PUBLIC OFFICER AND COMMITTEE

(Must be completed by the public officer and two committee members)

As current office-bearers of this association, we certify under 79(1)(e) of the Act that the particulars shown on this form are true and correct, and reflect the association's compliance with those provisions of the Act that apply in relation to:

- i) the preparation of the annual statement of the association's accounts; and
- ii) the auditing of the accounts and the presentation of the audited statement of accounts at the annual general meeting of the association.

We confirm that the committee listed in this document reflects the outcome of the AGM and that the AGM was called and conducted in accordance with the association's rules/constitution lodged with A.

2.2(a)(ii)		25/3/18	ALEKANDAR POPADIĆ	COMMITTEE MEMBER
Signature		Date	Print name, Position	

2.2(a)(ii)		25/3/18	BRADISLAV SLAKOVIĆ	COMMITTEE MEM.
Signature		Date	Print name, Position	

2.2(a)(ii)		25/3/18	STEVO ILIĆ	
Public Officer Signature		Date	Print name, Public Officer	

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2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBER

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COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL	
Member	Mr	Stero	ILic	N/A	
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE
2.2(a)(ii)				Continuing	12.1.2018
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL	
Member	Mr	Radoslav	Slavkovic	N/A	
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE
2.2(a)(ii)				Continuing	12.1.2018
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL	
Member	Mrs	Anga	Ristic	N/A	
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE
2.2(a)(ii)				Continuing	12.1.18
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL	
Member	Mr	Djordje	Ristic	2.2(a)(ii)	
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE
2.2(a)(ii)				new	12.1.2018
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL	
Member	Mr	Aleksandar	Popadic	2.2(a)(ii)	
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE
32 National Ct Forrest 2663				Continuing	12.1.2018
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL	
Member	Mr	Miroslav	Stefanovic	2.2(a)(ii)	
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE
2.2(a)(ii)				Continuing	12.1.2018

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COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL	
Member	Mr	JONO	Zoric	N/A	
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE
2.2(a)(ii)				New	12.1.2018
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL	
Member	Mrs	MARICA	Rajak	N/A	
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE
2.2(a)(ii)				Continuing	12.1.2018
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL	
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL	
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ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE
COMMITTEE POSITION	TITLE (Mr, Ms)	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	EMAIL	
ADDRESS				STATUS (i.e. new, continuing)	DATE OF CHANGE



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Incorporated Association Extract – A.C.T.

THE FREE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ST. GEORGE IN CANBERRA DIOCESE FOR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Association Name: THE FREE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ST. GEORGE IN
CANBERRA DIOCESE FOR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
INCORPORATED

Registration Number: A00101

Association Status: Current

Date of Incorporation: 12/08/1965

The Next Financial Year Ends: 31/12/2018

Last Annual Return Lodged: 26/03/2018

Cessation Date: -

Postal Address:
PO BOX 3339
MANUKA ACT 2603

Committee Members

STEVO ILIC
FR. ALEKSANDAR POPADIC
MIRO LJUB STEFANO VIC
DJORDJE RISTIC
RADISLAV SLAVKOCIC
ANGA RISTIC
JOVO ZORIC
MARICA RAJAK
RADISLAV SLAVKOVIC

Public Officer

STEVO ILIC (PO)

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Certified to be a true extract from the Register of Incorporated Associations.

Craig Simmons
REGISTRAR-GENERAL

DISCLAIMER FOR INCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS EXTRACT

The Registrar-General and every person acting on their behalf disclaims any liability for loss or damage arising from any error, omission or defect in the computer produced extract or the information contained herein, whether resulting from negligence, default or otherwise however so caused or resulting.

Art. 12

Every organ and church committee in the Diocese is subordinated in all executive matters directly to the higher executive organs of the Diocese.

Art. 14.

The Diocesan authorities decide independently, in accordance with this Constitution, on all matters which pertain under their jurisdiction. Against their decision there can be no protection and intervention cannot be sought of the civil authorities, except if same are contrary to the Australian and New Zealand Laws and By-laws.

Art. 84

Each church-school Congregation is considered an integral part of the Free Serbian Orthodox Church - Diocese for Australia and New Zealand and as such is subject to all the statutes of this Constitution, church canons and other regulations, rules and orders of the Diocesan authorities headed by the Diocesan Bishop.

Art.110

Should the General Meeting of the Church-school Congregation overstep the boundaries of its jurisdiction and intentionally prevent the execution of the directives of the Diocesan authorities, the Diocesan authorities are empowered to annul immediately such decisions and to entrust the governing of the said Church-school Congregation further to the retiring Committee, which will call a new General Meeting. The new General Meeting shall be convoked when the Diocesan authorities receive sufficient evidence and guarantee from the membership that such meeting will be conducted in peace and in a manner prescribed by the Diocesan Constitution and the Church school By-laws.

Art.117

The Executive Committee is obliged in its entire work and in its decisions to strictly uphold the statutes of this Constitution and By-laws of its Church-school Congregation as well as all the directives of the Diocesan authorities. Should some of the Church-school Congregation's rules be in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution, then the Constitution's provisions will be applied and not those of the Rules, as the Constitution is a basic Law to which the Rules must be amended accordingly.

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ANEX 1

Пресуда Врховног Суда Новог Јужног Велса од 29. маја
2015. године.

§ 293

The committee of the Forrest church-school congregation had no authority under the 1976 constitution to subject itself to the spiritual jurisdiction of another church or to appoint a priest contrary to the wishes of the ruling Bishop.

§ 285

... Nor did it permit the Bishop or Diocesan Council SOC to invite as a delegate someone of a church-school congregation to a Church National Assembly someone who was not the president of church-school congregation or an elected representative for that purpose.

Целокупна Пресуда је доступна за јавност на интернет сајту Врховног Суда Новог Јужног Велса под датумом 29. мај 2015.



Our Reference: 012/2018 :SM
Date: 04.01.2018.
Contact: Mr. Ratomir Nesic

ЧЛАНСТВУ И ПАРОХИЈАНИМА СЛОБОДНЕ СРПСКЕ
ПРАВОСЛАВНЕ ЦРКВЕНО-ШКОЛСКЕ ОПШТИНЕ
СВ. ВЕЛИКОМУЧЕНИКА ГЕОРГИЈА - ФОРЕСТ

Драга браћо и сестре,

Достављамо вам извод из судске пресуде Врховног Суда Новог Јужног Велса, који се конкретно односе на ове Слободне Српске Православне Црквено-школске Општине, које су, преко својих председника и свештеника у име чланства, под заклетвом потврдиле да остају под јурисдикцијом Слободне Српске Православне Цркве Епархије за Аустралију и Нови Зеланд и под омофором Његовог Пресвештества Епископа г.г. Амвросија.

На основу изнетих података и доказа, судија је потврдио припадност свих оних Слободних Српских Православних Црквено-школских Општина, које су биле и остале регистроване као Слободне Српске Православне Црквено-школске Општине, између осталих и Слободне Српске Православне Црквено-школске Општине Св. Великомученика Георгија у Форесту, Канбера.

Сваки потез против ове судске одлуке, биће сматран кршењем Пресуде Врховног Суда Новог Јужног Велса.

Виновина кршења ове Пресуде, као и сви они који подржавају кршење Пресуде својим потписима на петници, биће директно фивансијски одговорни за све настале судске трошкове.

Дано у Епископској Резиденцији
Светоиколајевског Манастира
У Јужном Бризбену,
04. јануара 2018. године.



Подпредседник ЕС

Секретар Епархије

Секретар Епископа

2.2(a)(ii)

Ратомир Нешкић

Арђанавдрит Хрисоффор
црквени епископикар

Протосинђел Др Симеон

