

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

STATUTE NO. 44

THE EARTHQUAKE RISK ASSESSMENTS STATUTE 2014 (Amended 2019)

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

1 TITLE

This Statute is the Earthquake Risk Assessments Statute 2014

2 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Statute is to provide for the establishment of a fund to assist parishes to have the risk of earthquake damage assessed by qualified engineers.

3 COMMENCEMENT

This Statute comes into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

4 INTERPRETATION

In this Statute “Parish Buildings” includes any church, parish hall, parish centre or vicarage and any other structure on land owned by one of the Diocesan Trust Boards for the benefit of a parish.

5 ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND

(1) The Standing Committee shall immediately upon this Statute coming into force establish a fund with an initial deposit of \$10,000.00. Once that fund is established, any parish may seek a contribution from the fund towards the cost of earthquake risk assessment in respect of any parish buildings carried out by a registered civil engineer.

(2)) Where the annual assessment payable by a parish was greater than \$2,500 in 2019, an amount of not more than 1% of that assessment shall be added to the annual assessment of such parish and shall be paid into the fund.

6 DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

If a parish which has not contributed to the fund as provided in clause 5 of this Statute is obliged by a local authority in whose territory it is situated to produce an earthquake risk assessment in respect of any of its parish buildings, that parish may apply to the Standing Committee for a contribution from the fund towards the cost of obtaining such an assessment provided that the assessment is made by a registered civil engineer.