

The outline of the process for Parishes is:

Applications for exemptions

1. From June 2018, parishes will have the opportunity to apply to Diocesan Council for properties to be exempt from sale, or for funds to be exempt from levies. The criteria for exemptions is primarily about the ministry and mission needs in a parish.
2. Those applications must be made to the Council before 1 October 2018.
3. The Council will consider all submissions at its meeting in December 2018. This is to give everyone time to gather all the information that might be needed to make a sound decision about a property or fund.

Levying funds

4. In the second half of 2018, Diocesan Council will impose a 25% levy on all the funds in the deposit list, based on the balance of those funds on 17 April 2018. These funds will be quarantined, so that they are available to be paid for redress claims as needed.
5. The parishes will continue to receive the interest on those funds until they are used for making redress payments.
6. The balance of any money remaining at the end of the National Redress Scheme (after 10 years), will be returned to the parishes from which it was levied.

Selling properties

7. There will be some properties on the list that the relevant parish agrees ought to be sold. We will start marketing these in August or September, after they have been identified.
8. Following the December Diocesan Council meeting, where the list of properties for sale is finalised, we will start the process of sale.
9. This process will take some years and will be carefully planned and staged following consideration of the submissions received from parishes. We are currently exploring options to maximise the value of properties before sale, to ensure that we are being wise stewards of our resources.

Community Consultation

Community groups, councils or individuals who wish to make a representation to Diocesan Council, about church property marked for sale, can address their submission to the General Manager of the Diocese at Registry@anglicantas.org.au.

Submissions can be made after Synod has finalized the list in June until 1 September 2018

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