



MINIMUM FINANCIAL STANDARDS FOR PARISH BORROWINGS ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

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overdue

Diocesan Council recognises the financial difficulties many parishes are in. These often revolve around over-committing financially to the establishment of parish plant (e.g. churches, parish halls and rectories).

While it is understood that such facilities form a hub around which parish communities are built, the burden of debts associated often cripple well-meaning congregations.

Council therefore decided at its meeting of 9 December 1999 that the following financial standards will apply to any parish wishing to borrow to fund capital works projects:

- a minimum 20% deposit; and
- income (less grants) should equal expenses plus 1.5 times the annual cost of the debt repayment.