

12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Regional Elector of the Wollongong Region,

We are writing to you to commend the Rev. Joseph Wiltshire for the Wollongong region clergy vacancy on the Synod Standing Committee.

We believe that Joe is well equipped to serve our region on the Standing Committee.

Joe has a demonstrated track record of active participation in Synod. Joe is engaged with the Synod material well in advance of the annual sessions. He attends each session not only prepared himself but assisting others by sharing insights he has uncovered in the papers.

Joe has been active on the floor of Synod, helping us all gain clarity on the issues through asking questions, moving motions and amendments, and making speeches.

Joe has a growing understanding of the workings of Synod and a strong desire to ensure all voices are heard. Joe has demonstrated this on the floor of synod through speaking out on issues even when doing so may have been unpopular or uncomfortable.

Joe has proven capability to grapple with new problems, to appropriately consider large volumes of information, and to make decisions with both care and consideration. This has been demonstrated clearly with the recent amalgamation of the Ingleburn and Glenquarie parishes. This merger included the taking on of new ministries and ventures, including partnerships with other organisations and oversight as Chairman of Break The Cycle Glenquarie ([www.btc.org.au](http://www.btc.org.au)), a charitable organisation aiming to change lives and share the gospel with the socially disadvantaged in our area.

This ability to quickly understand information, and make clear decisions was critical to the successful merger of the parishes and is a necessary skill to efficiently deal with Standing Committee's agendas.

Most important though is Joe's clear commitment to the gospel, and to making it known within our region. Joe is a disciple of Jesus, and one who makes disciples who make disciples. This is shown in his training and discipling of recent Moore College graduates, student ministers, MTS apprentices, and parishioners alike, helping them grow to understand God more fully, and serve Him wholeheartedly.

This heart for the lost, and desire to see Jesus praised as Lord and Saviour across our region, combined with Joe's many other skills and expertise, will allow him to serve us well on Standing Committee.

Yours in Christ,

James Mayfield



Lay Synod Representative

Parish of Ingleburn with Glenquarie

Ken West



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