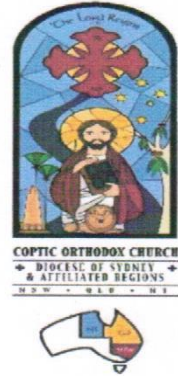


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### Statement by HG Bishop Daniel

We thank God for all his love and care for the Church.

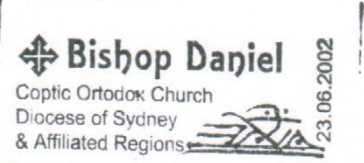
I am pleased with the recent amendments blessed by His Holiness Pope Tawadros II to the Constitution of the Coptic Diocese of Sydney & its Affiliated Regions from the management status of a Sole Trustee to a Diocesan Board of Trustees.

I welcome the appointment of the members of the new Diocesan Board of Trustees and I am thankful that God provides us with such riches in our sons and daughters.

Considering the recent commencement of an investigation into the activities of the *Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust Act 1990 (NSW)*, I consider it prudent that my role on the Diocesan Board of Trustees, become observatory. Accordingly, I have made the difficult decision to stand down from my role on the Diocesan Board of Trustees until this matter is finalised. During this time, I will remain committed to and continue to serve my spiritual and ecclesiastical ministry. I am confident that my decision is in the best interests of our Diocese and the Coptic community. I know that our Diocese will emerge from this investigation stronger and vindicated of any wrongdoing. I trust in the process.

I pray for the new Diocesan Board of Trustees under the leadership of my brother, His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, and wish it every success as it commences its responsibility in serving our beloved Diocese.

HG Bishop Daniel



Signed:.....

**Diocesan Bishop of the Coptic Diocese of Sydney & its Affiliated Regions**

Date: 21/10/2021