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## Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia and New Zealand and the Philippines

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP PAUL SALIBA  
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General Purpose standing Committees  
Legislative Council, Parliament House  
Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000

Re: Inquiry into the Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010  
To the Committee Members.

Creetings to all of you.

I would like to thank all the members of the Committee for giving me the opportunity to submit a submission on behalf of the Macedonian Orthodox Church in Australia

As you may know, the Orthodox Church is proud to be a Hierarchical Church. This has been the case throughout Her two thousand year history, and will always remain so.

During the Diaspora, the faithful emigrated and many came to Australia. Many of these immigrants decided to stay in Australia and in order to secure their centres of worship, education and culture, the lay community, on behalf of the Church, purchased and registered property. The purchased property enabled the faithful to continue their Tradition until a "Hierarch" of their Denomination was appointed by the church leadership (the Holy Synod) This is in fact the same way in which other Orthodox dioceses were established in Australia, including our own Antiochian Archdiocese

Accordingly, I do therefore lend my support to the passing of the "Property Trust Bill" by the NSW Legislative Council for the Macedonian Orthodox Church. In my opinion this will preserve, forevermore, the existence of the faith, culture and tradition of the Macedonian Orthodox Church in this great country Australia

Sincerely

+Paul

Metropolitan Archbishop Paul  
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