

Bill No. 1

Proposer – The Ven Ruth Elmes

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Initially when asked to represent the Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory at the Representation sub-committee I was very perturbed.

We are the diocese that had most representation to lose in the proposal.

- Over the course of these meetings I realised;
- Cashel, Ferns and Ossory was over represented as a result of historical diocesan amalgamations;
- The numbers as they stand are unwieldy and are now calculated to be fair;
- The discussions were lengthy but careful and conscientious;
- I have heard a lot of concern re the existing two-thirds, one-third majority (i.e. that one province may not outvote the other) that has been maintained.

In 2030 there will be a review of the numbers and calculations going forward. These negotiations will take into account the changes in our church in the interim and will take effect in 2033.

As one who represented the diocese which had the most to lose, I stand over the work of the committee and am happy to second this Bill.