

# MARRIAGE OUTSIDE A DESIGNATED PLACE OF WORSHIP

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

Report to the Bishop concerning a proposed marriage.

Parish or Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergyperson reporting: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Place where marriage registered: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE MAN

## THE WOMAN

Surname:		
Forenames:		
Christian name to be used:		
Address:		
Marital Status:		
Date of birth:		
Children of each (Christian names and ages): (if applicable)		
Custody/access arrangements (as applicable)		
Date of decree absolute of divorce (if applicable)		
Church affiliation:		

**CLERGYPERSON:** *Please Complete The Remainder of the Form Overleaf*

### NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF CLERGY

1. A designated place of worship remains the normal venue for conducting marriages.
2. The standard and thoroughness of preparation must remain the same whether the marriage is conducted in a place of worship or at another venue
3. The rite used must always be an approved rite of the Anglican Church of Australia
4. The venue chosen together with the practical arrangements must be conducive to the solemnity and intention of the occasion. (music, audibility, movement of people, seating etc). An alternative venue may need to be booked in case of inclement weather. There should be no agreement to proceed unless you are confident that you are in control to these arrangements.
5. Solemnization of Matrimony Canon 1981 which is binding upon us all states:  
"matrimony shall not be solemnized according to the rites and ceremonies of this Church. .... except:  
in a church or chapel of this Church or a church building licensed by the bishop of the diocese for the solemnization of matrimony unless the bishop of the diocese in the particular case gives express permission for the solemnization of the marriage at some other specific place".
6. The Bishop will write a Pastoral letter of support to the couple.

Describe the Pastoral or evangelistic issues involved in this request eg:

- The request may be important in the spiritual journey of the couple and need not necessarily be interpreted as an avoidance of faith or church.
- For various reasons the ecclesiastical/institutional Church may be a barrier to this search for God.
- Personal issues of integrity may be involved in the decision of the couple
- Family issues may be the reason behind the request for an alternative site.

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Describe what marriage preparation is being proposed or arranged.

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Describe the proposed venue and issues that may relate to the solemnity of the occasion.

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Clergyperson's assessment of the relationship and recommendation:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(Please use additional sheets as necessary)