



The Uniting Church in Australia
QUEENSLAND SYNOD

25 March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Uniting Church in Australia was formed on 22 June 1977. To achieve an Australia-wide church, each State and Territory passed legislation. In Queensland, the relevant Act is The Uniting Church in Australia Act 1977. (The Act)

The Act established a legal entity called "The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.)" (The Trust)

The Trust is a body corporate with perpetual succession. It is the Trust that enables congregations, presbyteries and other church councils to engage in commercial transactions: to buy, sell and lease property, to enter legally binding contracts, to sue and be sued. The Trust is the registered owner of all land titles irrespective of which church or agency occupies the site. As well as its congregations and presbyteries, The Trust also conducts activities such as UnitingCare Queensland and Wesley Mission Queensland who each have their own ABN and are responsible for their own accounting processes.

Where a church entity wants to enter into a significant contract, the contracting party is described as The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.) ARBN: 142498780 represented by Emmanuel Uniting Church Enoggera ABN: 82 681 767 916.

Emmanuel Uniting Church Enoggera is authorised to operate its own bank accounts. Rev Brian Hoole, is the current minister in placement at this congregation. Nathan Robertson, Christine Manning and Barry Jardine are the elected executive members of the church council being in positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Without the Trust, the church is a large, unincorporated association of members, unable to conduct commercial transactions.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter Cranna

Secretary of The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.)

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