



LEGISLATIVE PROTECTION FOR THE NAME MARY MACKILLOP

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven today noted amendments to the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2007 to control the use of names associated with Mary MacKillop.

The changes are in line with the Prime Minister's announcement on 11 October 2010 (<http://www.pm.gov.au/node/6948>) to amend the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Mary MacKillop became Australia's first saint on 17 October 2010.

A request for the use of a corporation name by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation that suggests a connection to Mary MacKillop will be prevented, unless approval is granted by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

A name need not include the name 'Mary MacKillop' to suggest a connection. For example, a name including 'Saint MacKillop' would be prohibited. A name including 'Our Mary' might be blocked, depending on the circumstances and the rest of the text of the name sought.

This amendment will reduce the extent to which an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation entity may hold itself to be associated with Mary MacKillop.

For information about corporation names please see ORIC policy statement PS-08 *Corporation names* which is available on the Registrar's website.

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