

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION – October 2018

Section/Clause	Proposed	Reason
CL. 9 - Application for membership (1,2,3)	Delete all Collapse membership to 2 groups – “full members” and “associate members”	Streamline membership types and provide clarity on voting and non-voting members.
CL. 10 – Approval of Committee (1)	Delete “at the next available committee meeting” and replace with “within 1 month of receipt of the application”	To allow for members to be confirmed within a quicker timeframe.
CL. 12 – Annual membership fees (2)	Delete “the Treasurer” and replace with “the Association”	Allows for the delegation of the collection of fees to the Executive Officer.
CL. 12 – Annual membership fees (3)	Delete “within 1 month” and replace with “within 3 months”	Increase timeframe to allow members to make payment arrangements, should this be required.
CL. 14 – Voting (1)	Delete “each individual or family membership member” replace with “each full member”.	For clarity
CL. 14 – Voting (2)	Delete in full. Replace with “A full member is eligible to vote immediately after the Committee has approved his or her application.”	For clarity
CL. 23 – Role and Powers (5,6)	Delete in full and move to schedule	New section in the schedule.
CL. 24 – Composition of Committee (1.a)	Delete “President” and replace with “Chairperson”	For clarity
CL. 24 – Composition of Committee (1.b)	Remove “Vice-President” role from the committee members	Streamline business and assist with quorum numbers
CL. 24 – Composition of Committee	Delete “a Public Officer (who is a person resident in	Use of model constitution wording or consistency.

(1.e)	the Northern Territory) for the purposes of the Associations Incorporation Act; and” Replace with “(2) Unless elected directly as a separate office holder, the Committee must appoint one committee member to be the Association's public officer.”	
CL. 24 – Composition of Committee (1.f)	Delete “A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 other members, referred to as “general committee members”. Replace with “(3) The Committee will consist of up to 8 members”	Reduce committee members to 8. Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and up to 5 ordinary members.
CL. 35 - Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Title	Remove the word “Vice-Chairperson”	To follow above changes
CL. 35 – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (2)	Delete	No longer required.
CL. 35 – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (3)	Delete “and the Vice-Chairperson are both absent”.	Consistency for the removal of the Vice-Chairperson.
CL. 39 – Frequency and calling of meetings (2)	Delete in full. Replace with “(2) The Chairperson, or at least half the committee members, may at any time convene a special meeting of the Committee.”	Use of default clause.
CL. 45 – Special general meetings (1)	Delete in full. Replace with “(1) Half the number of members constituting a quorum for a general meeting may make a written request to the Committee for a special general meeting unless otherwise provided in the Schedule.”	Use of default clause.
CL. 49 – Quorum at general meetings	Insert “by phone or video”	To allow for the use of technology in meetings where members are unable to attend in person.

CL. 57 – Common seal (2)	Insert “(d) the Executive Officer.”	For efficiency.
CL. 57 – Common seal (3)	Delete in full and replace with “(3) The common seal of the Association must be kept in at the Association’s office with the book of record.”	Delegated to the Executive Officer.
Schedule to the Constitution Objects and purposes (clause 2)	Delete in full and replace.	Whole section restructured and simplified wording for clarity.
Quorum at general meetings (clause 49)	Insert “by telephone or video”	To allow for intrastate members and caring duties.
Part 3 – Additional Details Composition of Committee (clause 24)	New	New Clause in the model constitution template
Eligibility of committee members (clause 26)	Moved from CL 23.	New Clause in the model constitution template