

SLA AGM 2017 Item 6.0 Special Resolution – Approval of revised Constitution

We, the members of Sustainable Living Armidale Inc., resolve that the revised constitution (attached) of the association be adopted, noting that a summary of the changes are as follows:

1. Clause 3 - Change of mission to delete “peak oil” and insert “and the depletion of natural resources”
2. Consistency in use of upper case and lower case eg association and use of one term ‘clause’ instead of use of joint terms ‘clause’ and ‘rules’ throughout document, and updating references to legislation eg new Act and Regulations.
3. Minor changes to clauses 5, 6 and 8 consistent with model constitution.eg The Secretary is now responsible for register of members instead of Public Officer.
4. Clause 12 – now refers disputes to a qualified mediator rather than ‘community justice centre’
5. Clause 14 – sub-groups to be approved by committee.
6. Clause 23 – minor wording changes to (a).
7. Clause 24 – minor changes consistent with model constitution and legislation.
8. Clause 28 – members do not have to be present in person.
9. Clause 31(b) – changes consistent with model constitution eg five members required to call poll and deletion of proxies – see 34.
10. Clause 32 – deletion of (b) as not consistent with model and minor wording to (a).
11. Clause 33 – deletion of (b) and all reference to proxies in section. Addition of new (d) to allow for postal or electronic ballots – new section required.
12. Clause 34 – Deletion of old section on proxies, not needed as members can participate via technology. New section of Use of technology inserted as required by model constitution.
13. New Clause 38 on non-profit is required.
14. Clause 39 – renumbered old 38 and (b) added to be consistent with model constitution.
15. Clause 39 – Previous section 39 on Common Seal deleted.
16. Clause 40 – minor changes as in model constitution.
17. Clause 43 – new clause on Financial year.
18. Clause 44 – Renumbered from 43 and addition of first clause.
19. Clause 45 – Renumbered from 44. Inserted ‘may be’ for ‘is’ in (a).
20. Deleted Appendices 1-3, revised Appendix 4 on Public Officer now Appendix 1.