## CONSTITUTION

## OF

## LANDSCAPE NSW \& ACT LTD

## ACN 002644920

A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital

THE LANDSCAPE

- ASSOCIATION -

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Names

The name of the Company is Landscape NSW \& ACT Ltd (ACN 002644 920) (the Company).
1.2. Objects

The Objects for which the Company has been formed are;
1.2.1. To further and promote the interests of all Landscape Contractors and any associated companies, institutions, societies or associations in the State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory and within Australia.
1.2.2. To foster and maintain the development of an organization of Landscape Contractors administered Australia wide.
1.2.3. To assist, co-operate and affiliate with related organizations both within Australia and overseas.
1.2.4. To encourage and support trade displays, seminars, symposiums, lectures or any other functional matter which may be educational and illustrative of the role of Landscape Contractors generally.
1.2.5. To promote the interests of Landscape Contractors and to liaise with all Government and other organizations or bodies in relation to the interests and proposed activities of Landscape Contractors.
1.2.6. To appoint Members of the Company to act as Mediators or Arbitrators in relation to any Landscape Contracting matter, operation or dispute involving a Member subject at all times to any competing law or jurisdiction of any competent Court or authority.
1.2.7. To do all things which are reasonably necessary for the attainment of the objects of the Company and the development and general welfare of Landscape Contractors.
1.2.8. To indemnify any person or persons whether a Member of the Company or not who may have incurred or may incur any personal liability by reason of that person or persons acting for the benefit of the Company and for that purpose to give such personal persons mortgages, charges or other securities over the whole or any part of the Company's business or undertaking whether real or personal and both present and future.
1.2.9. To design, register, purchase, apply for or otherwise acquire any invention, trade or other marks, copyright, design, patent rights and privileges, processes, licenses, concession and the like conferring any exclusive or non-exclusive or limited rights to use any mark, device, brand or invention
or similar thing which may be capable of being used for any of the purposes calculated directly or indirectly to benefit the Company and to further sell, dispose of, use, exercise, charge and develop the same or to grant licenses or privileges in respect thereof.
1.2.10. To insure against damage by fire or otherwise any insurable property of the Company and to ensure any employee of the Company against risk, accident or fidelity in the course of his or her employment by the Company as required by law.
1.2.11. To subscribe to, become a Member of and co-operate with any other company, Company, association or organization, (whether incorporated or not), whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of Objects of the Company.
1.2.12. To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, easements or property, real and personal; and any rights or privileges which may be requisite for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with, any of the Objects of the Company.

Provided that in case the Company shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts the Company shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by the law having regard to such trusts.
1.2.13. To enter into any arrangements with any Government or authority (supreme, municipal, local or otherwise) that may seem conducive to the Company's Objects or any of them; and to obtain from any such Government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Company may think it desirable to obtain and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
1.2.14. To appoint, employ, remove or suspend such managers, clerks, secretaries, servants, and such other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Company.
1.2.15. To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the Company's interest, and to contribute to, subsidies or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, alteration or control thereof.
1.2.16. To invest and deal with the money of the Company not immediately required for its purposes in such manner as may be permitted by law.
1.2.17. To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Company may think fit and to secure the same or the repayment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Company in any way and in particular
by the issue of debentures, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future) and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities.
1.2.18. To make, draw, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
1.2.19. In furtherance of the Objects of the Company to sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company.
1.2.20. To take or hold mortgages, liens and charges to secure payment of the purchase price or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of the Company's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Company, or any money due to the Company from purchasers and others.
1.2.21. To take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the Objects of the Company.
1.2.22. To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Company, in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
1.2.23. To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, and books or leaflets that the Company may think desirable for the promotion of its Objects.
1.2.24. In furtherance of the Objects of the Company to amalgamate with any companies, institutions, societies or associations having Objects altogether or in part similar to those of the Company and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their Members to an extent at least as great as that imposed upon the Company under or by virtue of clause 1.3 of this Introduction.
1.2.25. In furtherance of the Objects of the Company to transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Company to any one or more of the companies, institutions, societies or associations with which the Company is authorized to amalgamate.
1.2.26. To make donations for patriotic or charitable purposes.
1.2.27. In furtherance of the Objects of the Company to create any Trust or to give or grant any money to any Trust under the control of the Company or any other Trust constituted for charitable purposes.
1.2.28. To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Objects and the exercise of the powers of the Company.

### 1.3. Application of Income property

1.3.1. The income and real and personal property of the Company whenever and however derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects of the Company as set forth in this Constitution, and no portion of such income and property shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of any dividend, bonus or otherwise by profit to the Members of the Company PROVIDED THAT nothing in this Clause shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any Officer or servant of the Company, or to any Member of the Company in return for any services actually rendered to the Company, nor prevent the payment of interest (at a rate not exceeding the rate for the time being charged by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia for Business Overdraft Accounts on money lent), or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any Member to the Company.

### 1.4. Members Liability

1.4.1. The Liability of the Members is limited.

### 1.5. Undertaking of Members

1.5.1. Every Member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company, in the event of it being wound up while a Member or within one (1) year after ceasing to be a Member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before that Member ceases to be a Member, and of the costs, charges, and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributory amongst themselves.
1.5.2. The limit of any amount of contribution under this Clause shall be an amount not exceeding Two Dollars (\$A2.00).

### 1.6. Property of the Company on Winding up or Dissolution

1.6.1. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Company there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Company, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having Objects similar to the Objects of the Company, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or other income and property among its or their Members to any extent at least as great as is imposed on the Company under this Constitution, such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members of the Company at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to the above provision, then to some charitable object.

### 1.7. Accounts of the Company

1.7.1. True accounts shall be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Company, and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure takes place, and of the property, credits, and liabilities of the Company and, subject at all times to any restrictions as to the time and manner of inspecting the same that may be imposed in accordance with the Constitution of the Company for the time being in force, shall be open to the inspection of the Members.
1.7.2. Once at least in every year, the accounts of the Company shall be examined by one or more properly qualified Auditor or Auditors who shall report to the Members in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

### 1.8. Philosophy of the Company

1.8.1. The Company is committed and will use its best endeavours to allocate the whole of its available income property and resources to
1.8.2. Presenting to the general community an honourable and positive image of its services and of Landscape Contractors generally
1.8.3. Respecting personal privacy and confidentiality and acting with consistency and fairness to all persons
1.8.4. Do all things to further the Objects of the Company

### 1.9. Corporate Covenants

1.9.1. The Company shall act in accordance with this Introduction and the balance of Constitution and carry on its business at all times in accordance with the Act and all or any other Legislation relevant to the conduct of the business of the Company.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution unless there be something in the subject or context which is inconsistent the following words shall have the following meanings
2.1. "Act" means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) however described and when any provision of the Act is referred to then reference is to that provision as modified by any law for the time being in force and unless the contrary intention appears any expression so defined in the Act (or any modification thereof made by any law in force at the date upon which the Constitution became binding on the Company) shall have the meaning so defined.


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2.2. "Board" means the Members or if the Member is a corporation the nominee of such Member for the time being duly elected and constituted in accordance with the Constitution as the Board of the Company.


2.3. "Board Member" means a currently elected person elected to the Board.
2.4. "Chief Executive Officer" means that person appointed by the Board as an employee of the Company to fulfill the Executive and Managerial tasks prescribed from time to time by the Board .
2.5. "Company" means Landscape NSW \& ACT Ltd.
2.6. "Constitution" means collectively the Introduction to the Constitution and the Constitution of the Company and reference to "Constitution" means both the Introduction and this Constitution or any parts thereof.
2.7. "Financial Year" means for the purposes of this Constitution a period commencing on the first ( $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$ day of July and ending on the last day of June in of the following calendar year.
2.8. "Industry" means the domestic and commercial landscape construction and maintenance industry.
2.9. "Member" means a person who has been accepted for Membership of the Company under Clause 5 of the Constitution.
2.10. "Nominated Person" means a person nominated in writing by a corporate Member to represent that Member in all dealings with the Company.
2.11. "Office" means the registered office for the time being of the Company in accordance with the records of ASIC.
2.12. "Person" means a natural person whether male or female.
2.13. "President" means any Member properly appointed to perform the duties of a President of the Company and so described including use of the terms Chairperson, Chairwoman and/or Chair within this Constitution.
2.14. "Secretary" means any person properly appointed to perform the duties of a Secretary of the Company and includes an Honorary Secretary.
2.15. "Special Resolution" has the meaning given to such words under the Act.
2.16. "State" means the State of New South Wales.
2.17. "Vice President" means any person properly appointed to perform the duties of a Vice President of the Company.
2.18. "Writing" means and refers to, unless the contrary intention appears, any expression construed as a reference by printing lithography, photography and/or any other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form and all such writing or expressions contained herein shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Interpretation Act 1987 (NSW) and the Act at the date the Constitution becomes binding on the Company.

## 3. INTERPRETATION

3.1. The Company is established for the purposes set out in Objects.
3.2. All or any decisions of the Board made in writing on the construction or interpretation of the Objects to the Constitution or the Constitution of the Company, made pursuant to them or any matter arising therefrom, shall be final, conclusive and binding on all Members of the Company unless and until any such construction or interpretation is varied revised or altered by;
3.2.1. The Members of the Company in General Meeting; or
3.2.2. Any court of competent jurisdiction over the Company.
3.3. Headings used in the Introduction and the Constitution are to be used as a guide only and do not have interpretative meaning or effect.

## 4. REPLACEABLE RULES

4.1. The Replaceable Rules under the Act are replaced, altered, supplemented or amended by the Constitution to the extent permissible at law under the Act.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP

### 5.1. Persons or may apply to become a Member

5.1.1. Membership shall be available to any Person or corporation that fulfills the Membership requirements of the Company as determined by this Constitution and the Board.

### 5.2. Categories of Membership

5.2.1. The Board shall in its absolute discretion determine:
5.2.1.1. Whether a Person is or is not entitled to become a Landscape Contractor Member; and
5.2.1.2. what appropriate qualifications or relevant Industry experience such Person or corporation must have at the time the

Application to this category is lodged (and thereafter hold and maintain while a Landscape Contractor Member.
5.2.2. The Company may have the following Categories of Membership;

> 5.2.2.1. Landscape Contractor Member who is the holder of a License at the time the Application is lodged by the relevant Licensing Authority for their scope of works as a Landscape Contractor;
5.2.2.2. Landscape Maintenance Member;
5.2.2.3. Affiliate Member;
5.2.2.4. Such other category or categories as the Board thinks fit to create; or
5.2.2.5. Life Member.
5.2.3. The Board shall in its absolute discretion determine the appropriate qualifications or relevant Industry experience required for a Person or corporation to qualify for membership in a particular category.
5.2.4. A person shall be entitled to admission to Membership in only one (1) of the Categories of Membership above at any one time.
5.2.5. A Member may transfer between Categories of Membership with the Consent of the Board.
5.2.6. A Member shall not be entitled to transfer Membership to any other person or entity without the written consent of the Board first had and obtained.

### 5.3. Voting Rights

5.3.1. Members shall be entitled to vote at any Meeting of the Company. On a poll each Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

### 5.4. Applications for Membership

5.4.1. Application for Membership shall be made in writing by completing an application form either by writing, shall acknowledge that the applicant agrees to be bound by this Constitution and any Code of Ethics of the Company and shall otherwise be in such form as the Board from time to time prescribes.
5.4.2. The Board must not consider any Application for Membership unless and until any Application Fee prescribed by the Board for payment by a particular category of member has been tendered along with a completed Application.
5.4.3. When any Application for Membership has been considered by the Board the Secretary or Chief Executive Officer shall forthwith thereafter send to the Applicant written notice of the outcome of that Application.
5.4.4. Any Applicant for Membership is required to pay an Application Fee as a condition of Membership and payable on lodgement of the Application.
5.4.5. The Application Fee shall be for such amount as the Board may determine and is a non-refundable payment whether or not the Applicant is admitted to Membership.

### 5.5. Annual Subscription Fee

5.5.1. The Board shall determine an Annual Subscription Fee payable by each category of Member (excepting Life Members) in each year.
5.5.2. The Annual Subscription Fee shall be determined by the Board before the first day of July each year.
5.5.3. The Annual Subscription Fee shall be due and payable on the anniversary of their acceptance as a Member and must be paid in full within 60 days of that due date.
5.5.4. Should a Member fail to pay their Annual Subscription Fee 60 days after the due date that Member shall be deemed non-financial and shall have no entitlement to attend vote or otherwise be involved in any way with a General Meeting of the Company or its business and affairs.
5.5.5. Any Annual Subscription Fee paid is non-refundable in whole or part.

### 5.6. Register of Members

5.6.1. The Secretary shall keep a Register of Members which shall include the following;
5.6.1.1. the name and address of the Member
5.6.1.2. the date upon which Membership commenced
5.6.1.3. details of any License held by the Member as a Landscaping Contractor or affiliate or otherwise;
5.6.1.4. the category of membership applicable to the Member;
5.6.1.5. the information required by Chapter 2c of the Act; and
5.6.1.6. such other matters as the Board may from time to time resolve
5.6.2. The Register of Members shall be present and available for inspection by all Members at any time during normal business hours at the registered office of the Company and at any General Meeting of the Company.

## 6. RESIGNATION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

6.1. A Member may at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary resign its, his or her Membership of the Company, but shall continue liable for any sum not exceeding Two Dollars (\$A2.00) which he or she stands liable for as a Member of the Company under Clause 1.5.2 of the Constitution.
6.2. A Member must advise in writing 30 days prior to the renewal of membership if they do not wish to renew their annual membership otherwise the Member will be liable to pay the annual subscription fee.
6.3. Subject to this Constitution every person ceasing to be a Member of the Company shall forfeit all right to or claim upon the Company which they would have by reason of Membership and in no case is Membership transferable.
6.4. Any Member ceasing to be eligible as a Member of the Company shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Company and their name shall be removed from the Register of Members.

## 7. LIFE MEMBERS

7.1. Members may at any time nominate a Member of the Company who is a natural person to be considered as a Life Member.
7.2. Prior to the next Annual General Meeting in each year, any nomination of a Life Member shall;
7.2.1. be made in writing by a Member other than the Member proposed for Life Membership;
7.2.2. be submitted to the Secretary no later than one (1) calendar month from the end of each financial year; and
7.2.3. include reasons for the nomination so as to enable the Board to make a proper determination.
7.3. The nomination shall be considered by the Board.
7.4. In determining any nomination of a Member as a Life Member the Board shall satisfy itself by majority that the said Member has made outstanding contributions to the Landscaping Industry before recommending the nomination of that Member.
7.5. A Life Member shall not be required to pay any Annual Membership Fee or any other fee relating to Membership of the Company as and from the date of election as a Life Member.
7.6. A Life Member shall receive a Membership Card and will be included by the Secretary in a Register of Life Members.
7.7. All nominations for Life Members shall be considered by the Board.
7.8. The Board shall determine if the nominee should be given Life Member status or not. Unless the Board otherwise agrees any person resolved by the Board to be bestowed Life Membership will be advised at the next Annual General Meeting of their new membership status.

## 8. MEMBERS NOMINATED PERSON

8.1. A Member that is a corporation shall be represented by a Nominated Person, being a person appointed from time to time by the Member in writing to the Secretary by such Member.
8.2. If the Board resolves that a Nominated Person is not acceptable then the Board will advise the Member who has appointed that Nominated Person and until an acceptable Person is appointed as the corporate Members Nominated Person that corporate Member shall not be entitled to any representation in meetings or involved in the business of the Company.

## 9. AMBASSADORS

9.1. The Board may from time to time and appoint any Person who consents to be an Ambassador to promote the Company and its Objectives.
9.2. A Person appointed as an Ambassador shall be appointed for such time as the Board determines and whilstsoever they are willing to act promote and represent the Company and its Objectives.

## 10. GENERAL MEETINGS

### 10.1. Annual General Meeting

10.1.1. An Annual General Meeting of the Company shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
10.1.2. Subject to the requirements of the Act, the Annual General Meeting in each year shall be held no later than nine (9) calendar months calculated from the end of the preceding Financial Year.

### 10.2. Extraordinary General Meeting

10.2.1. All General Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.
10.2.2. The Board by Resolution may when it thinks fit, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened forthwith after such Resolution is made and as otherwise provided by the Act.
10.2.3. The Members may requisition an Extraordinary General Meeting upon no less than thirteen (13) Members requesting in writing to the Secretary the convening of an Extraordinary General Meeting and with such Notice in writing to be provided to the Secretary no less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the date the Extraordinary General Meeting is held.
10.2.4. Any requisition of Members for an Extraordinary General Meeting shall provide notice in writing disclosing;
10.2.4.1. the business of the General Meeting; and
10.2.4.2. the draft Resolutions of the recursion to be put to the Extraordinary General Meeting.

### 10.3. Period of Notice

10.3.1. Subject to the provisions of the Act relating to Special Resolutions and agreements for shorter notice, thirty (30) days' notice at the least (exclusive of the day on which the notice is served or deemed to be served, but inclusive of the day for which notice is given) specifying the place the day and the hour of meeting, and in case of special business the general nature of that business, shall be given to such persons as are entitled to receive such notice from the Company for any General Meeting.

### 10.4. Nature of Business at General Meetings

10.4.1. All business proposed or transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be special.
10.4.2. All business proposed or transacted at an Annual General Meeting shall be special with the exception of the following;
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10.4.2.2. the election of the Board Members and any other Officers in the place of those retiring at the Annual General Meeting;
10.4.2.3. the appointment or the removal of the Auditors of the Company; and
10.4.2.4. any other business under the Act capable of being determined by Ordinary Resolution.

## 11. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

### 11.1. Business

11.1.1. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of Members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business

### 11.2. Quorum

11.2.1. Unless otherwise provided herein a quorum shall be whichever is the lesser of;
11.2.1.1. Twenty (20) Members entitled to vote present in person; or
11.2.1.2. Twenty ( $20 \%$ ) percent of all Members entitled to vote present in person.
11.2.2. A Member intending to vote and also holding a Proxy shall for the purposes of determining a quorum be counted as one (1) person only.

### 11.3. Adjournment of Meetings

11.3.1. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Board may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the Members present (being not less than three (3)) shall be a quorum.

### 11.4. President

11.4.1. The President shall preside as chair person at every General Meeting of the Company.
11.4.2. If there is no President of the Board, or if the President is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the General Meeting or is unwilling to act, the Vice President shall act as President and if the Vice President is not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed or is unwilling to act then the Members present shall elect one of the Board Members to be President of the General Meeting.
11.4.3. The President may, with the consent of any General Meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the General Meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned General Meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
11.4.4. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more, notice of the adjournment meeting shall be given as in the case of the original General Meeting but, save as outlined above, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or the business to be transacted at an adjourned General Meeting.
11.4.5. The President shall be elected for a one (1) year term and serve no more than five (5) consecutive terms.
11.4.6. During any period of absence or incapacity of the President, the Board may elect another Board Member to undertake the duties of the President

### 11.5. Voting of Members

11.5.1. At any General Meeting a Resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded;

### 11.5.1.1. by the President; or

### 11.5.1.2. by at least two (2) Members present in person or by proxy.

11.5.2. Unless a poll is so demanded a declaration by the President that a Resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the Minutes of the proceedings of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the Resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn prior to a declaration by the President.
11.5.3. If a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such manner and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the President directs, and the result of the poll shall be the Resolution of the General Meeting at which the poll was demanded but a poll demanded on the election of a President or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith.

### 11.6. Casting Vote of President

11.6.1. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the President of the General Meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

### 11.7. Proxy Voting

11.7.1. A Member may vote at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting in person or by proxy and on a show of hands every person present who is a Member shall have one (1) vote and on a poll every Member present in person or by proxy shall have one (1) vote only.
11.7.2. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his or her attorney duly authorized in writing.
11.7.3. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.
11.7.4. A Member shall be entitled to instruct his or her proxy to vote in favor of or against any proposed Resolutions and unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as he or she thinks fit. Only a Full Member of the Company shall be entitled to hold a proxy.
11.7.5. The instrument appointing a proxy may be in the following form or in a common or usual form.

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## I, [name of Member] of [address]

being a Member hereby appoint [name of proxy] of [address] or failing him or her [name of alternate proxy] of [address] as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Company, to be held on
$\qquad$ the day of $\qquad$ ,20 $\qquad$ and at any adjournment thereof.

My proxy is hereby authorized to vote *in favour of* against the following Resolutions:
1.
2.
3.

Signed this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ 20 $\qquad$
Note 1. In the event of the Member desiring to vote for or against any Resolution he or she shall instruct his proxy accordingly. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as they think fit.
*Strike out whichever is not desired.
11.7.6. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarial certified copy of that power or authority shall be deposited at the registered office of the Company, or at such other place within the State as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or, in the case of a poll, not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, and in default the instrument of proxy shall be invalid.
11.7.7. A Member who is of unsound mind or whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health may vote,
whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his or her Committee or by his or her trustee or by such other person as properly has the management of his or her estate, and any such Committee, trustee or other person may vote by proxy or attorney.
11.7.8. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy or attorney shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or unsoundness of mind of the principal or revocation of the instrument or of the authority under which the instrument was executed, if no notice in writing of such death unsoundness of mind or revocation as aforesaid has been received by the Company at the registered office before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the instrument is used.
11.7.9. A Member is not entitled to hold more than one (1) Proxy for the purpose of any vote at a General Meeting of the Company.
11.7.10. Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 14.7.9 above, the President shall be entitled to hold up to and including fifteen (15) Proxy votes and shall be further entitled to count each Proxy vote for the purpose of any Resolution tabled at a General Meeting of the Company.

### 11.8. Objections to the Right to Vote

11.8.1. Any challenge made as to the right to vote of a Member at any meeting shall;
11.8.1.1. be made by a Member entitled to vote at that meeting;
11.8.1.2. be made at that meeting and prior to any vote being taken; and
11.8.1.3. be determined by the President whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

## 12. THE BOARD

12.1.1. Subject to when the immediate Past President does not stand for reelection and does not consent to remain as a director under clause 15.1.2, the Board of the Company shall consist of no less than five (5) and not more than eight (8) elected Members or nominees of corporate Members;
12.1.1.1. One (1) President to be elected by the members of the Board;
12.1.1.2. One (1) Vice President to be elected by the members of the Board; and
12.1.1.3. Five (5) to eight (8) Board Members elected by the Members; and
12.1.2. The immediate Past President may if they wish remain as a director for a period of twelve months if they are not otherwise elected to the Board. If the immediate Past President seeks re-election and or advises that they do not consent to remain as a Board member on expiration of their term as President and the Board would have an even number of directors, the

Board may seek that the members elect a ninth person to ensure that the Board is constituted by an odd number of directors.
12.1.3. If the Board by a resolution carried by $75 \%$ or more of the Board is approved the Board may invite not less and no more than two (2) persons to be Board members to site on the Board having regard to their special skills, knowledge and or expertise which they can provide to the Board. Such appointments shall be for a period of 12 months.
12.1.4. The Board shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer and those persons may be but do not need to be Members of the Company to accept such appointment.

### 12.2. Election of Board of Members

12.2.1. At the Annual General Meeting of the Company in each year the Board shall be elected.
12.2.2. A person need not be a Member or a Nominated Person to be elected to the Board.
12.2.3. The Board Members so elected shall hold office until the immediately following Annual General Meeting after their election.
12.2.4. The immediate Past President is deemed elected to the Board without a vote provided that the immediate Past President does not stand for election and is elected and on not standing for election or not being re-elected complies with Clause 15.1.2.
12.2.5. The Company and the Members shall endeavour to apply corporate governance responsibilities by the appointment of Board Members representing at material times a balanced mix of individual skills including financing, commercial, business, community and Industry knowledge and expertise although such skills shall not be mandatory.

### 12.3. Manner of Election of Board of Members

12.3.1. The election of Board Members at the Annual General Meeting shall take place in the manner set out in this Clause.
12.3.2. Any two (2) eligible Members of the Company shall be at liberty to nominate a Person to serve as a Board Member.
12.3.3. The nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the nominated candidate and his or her proposer and seconder, and shall be lodged with the Secretary at least thirty (30) days before the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place.
12.3.4. A list of the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the names of the proposer and seconder, shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the
registered office of the Company for at least fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.
12.3.5. Should there be candidates for the Board not exceeding the number of
vacancies to fill then each candidate shall be deemed elected unopposed.
12.3.6. Balloting lists shall be prepared (if necessary) by the Chief Executive Officer and containing the names of candidates in alphabetical order and each Member present at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to vote for any number of such candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies to the Board.
12.3.7. The Board Members shall, with a candidate's consent, be entitled to add the names of eligible Members not already nominated under Clause 15.3.2 to fill up the remaining vacancy or vacancies.

### 12.4. Retirement of Board of Members

12.4.1. All Board Members (excepting the Immediate Past President should Clause 15.1.2 apply) shall be elected and hold office for a period no greater than one (1) calendar year calculated from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected.
12.4.2. All Board Members shall retire from the Board at that Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible to be re-elected to the Board by the Members present at that Annual General Meeting and entitled to vote.

### 12.5. Vacancy of Board of Members

12.5.1. The office of a Board Member shall become vacant if that Member;
i. ceases to be a Board Member by virtue of the Act
ii. becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his or her creditors generally
iii. becomes prohibited from being a director of a company by reason of any order made under the Act
iv. becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health
v. resigns his or her office by notice in writing to the Company
vi. for more than three (3) months is absent without permission of the Board from meetings of the Board held during that period
vii. Contracts with the Company provided that the office of that Board Member shall not be vacated by reason of that person's Membership in any Corporation, Society, or Association which has entered into or proposes to enter into a Contract with the Company if and only if the Board Member shall have first declared the nature of his or her interest in the manner expressly required by the Constitution under or the Act or if the interest is one that does not need to be disclosed pursuant to Section 191 of the Act.
12.5.2. The Board Members shall have power at any time, and from time to time, to appoint any Person to the Board either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board Members but so that the total number of Board Members shall not at any time exceed the number fixed in accordance with the Constitution and any Board Member so appointed shall hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting.

### 12.6. Forfeiture of Office

12.6.1. The position of any Board Member immediately becomes vacant if the Member;
i. By notice in writing resigns from the Board;
ii. Becomes bankrupt or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or compromises with its creditors;
iii. Is a Nominated Person of a Member which is in the course of liquidation, otherwise than for the purpose of re construction;
iv. Deliberately infringes these Rules or the code of conduct and after due consideration the Association resolves that the position should become vacant; or
v. Is absent from four (4) Board Meetings during any elected term or three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board without approved leave of absence from the Board.

### 12.7. Quorum for Board Meetings

12.7.1. Unless otherwise provided herein a Quorum for any Board Meeting shall be five (5) Board Members present in person.

### 12.8. Rules for Telecommunication Meeting of the Board

12.8.1. For the purpose of these Rules the contemporaneous linking together in oral communication by telephone, audio-visual or other instantaneous means ("telecommunication meeting") of a number of the Board Members not being less than a quorum is deemed to constitute a meeting of the Board Members.
12.8.2. All the provisions in these Rules relating to a meeting of the Board Members apply to a telecommunications meeting in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Rule
12.8.3. The following provisions apply to a telecommunication meeting;
i. All the Board Members for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Board Members are entitled to notice of a telecommunications meeting
ii. All the Board Members participating in the meeting shall be linked by telephone, audio-visual or other instantaneous means for the purpose of the telecommunication meeting
iii. Notice of the meeting may be given by telephone or other electronic means
iv. Each of the Board Members taking part in the meeting shall be able to hear and be heard by each of the other Board Members taking part at the commencement of the meeting and each Board Member so taking part is deemed for the purpose of these Rules to be present at the meeting; and
v. At the commencement of the meeting each Board Member shall announce his presence to all other Board Members taking part in the meeting.
12.8.4. One of the Board Members present or the Chief Executive Officer at a telecommunication meeting shall take minutes of the meeting.
12.8.5. A Board Member may not leave a telecommunications meeting by disconnecting his telephone, audio-visual or other communication equipment unless he has previously notified the Chairman of the meeting.
12.8.6. A minute of the proceedings of a telecommunications meeting is sufficient evidence of the proceedings and of the observance of all necessary formalities if the minute is certified to be a correct minute by the chairperson of that meeting.
12.8.7. The above methodology or part of should only be used in extreme circumstances, e.g. where a Board requires additional members' input or vote (to form a quorum) to pass a resolution the ability to contact by telecommunication could be utilized.

### 12.9. Circulating Resolutions

12.9.1. The Board may pass a Resolution without a meeting of the Board being held if and only if;
12.9.1.1. A majority of Board Members entitled to vote upon that Resolution sign a document to the effect that they are in favour of the Resolution; and
12.9.1.2. return that document to the Secretary.

### 12.10. President to have Casting Vote

12.10.1. The President has a casting vote on any Resolution of the Board howsoever made in addition to any vote that the President may have in his or her capacity as a Board Member.

## 13. FURTHER POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

13.1. The Board may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit and a Board Member may at any time and the Secretary shall on the requisition of any Board Member summon a meeting of the Board.
13.2. Subject to these Regulations questions arising at any meeting of the Board Members shall be decided by a majority of votes and a determination by a majority of the Board Members shall for all purposes be deemed a determination of the Board Members. In case of an equality of votes the President of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
13.3. A Board Member shall not vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract with the Company in which they are interested, or any matter arising therefrom (unless firstly complying with Clause 16.12 following) and if that Board Member does so vote his or her vote shall not be counted.
13.4. The Quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board may be varied by a Resolution of the Board but at no time shall the Quorum be less than three (3).
13.5. The continuing Board Members may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the Board Members, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these Regulations as the necessary quorum of the Board Members, the continuing Members may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Board Members to that number, or of summoning a General Meeting of the Company, but for no other purpose.
13.6. The person elected as President shall preside as Chairman at every meeting of the Board, or if there is no such person, or if at any meeting he or she is not present within ten (10) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Vice President shall preside and in his or her absence the Board Members may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the Meeting.
13.7. The Board Members may delegate any of its powers to Sub-Committees consisting of such Board Member or Board Members as they think fit; any Sub-Committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any Regulations that may be imposed on it by the Board Members and any Sub-Committee shall report to the Board in such manner as the Board may from time to time direct.
13.8. The Board shall appoint a Chairman of any Sub-Committee and if at any meeting of a Sub-Committee the Chairman is not present within ten (10) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Board Members present and serving on that Sub-Committee may choose one of their number to be Chairman of that Sub-Committee meeting.
13.9. A Sub-Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Board Members present and serving on that Sub-Committee, and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman at that meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
13.10. All acts done by any meeting of the Board Members or of a Sub-Committee shall, notwithstanding that it is afterward discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any Board Member, or that the Board Members or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Board Member.

### 13.11. Miscellaneous Powers

13.11.1. A Resolution in writing signed by all the Board Members for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of Board Members shall be as valid and effectual as if it has been passed at a meeting of Board Members duly convened and held; any such Resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more Board Members.
13.11.2. The Board is to have power to make such By-Laws as are not inconsistent with the Constitution and as in the opinion of the Board are necessary and desirable for the proper control, administration and management of the Company and all matters relating to the finances, affairs, interests and property of the Company.
13.11.3. Any By-Law made by the Board under the Constitution shall come into effect and have full force and authority as a By-Law of the Company immediately upon written notice of such By-Law or By-Laws being placed upon a Notice Board at the registered office of the Company.

### 13.12. Material Interest of a Board Member

13.12.1. If a Board Member has a material and personal interest in any matter that relates to the affairs of the Company and;
i. that Board Member discloses at a meeting of the Board the true nature and extent of the interest and its relationship to the affairs of the Company
ii. that interest is one which does not need to be disclosed under Section 191 of the Act

Then and only then;
i. that Board Member may vote on matters that relate to the interest; and
ii. any transactions that relate to that interest may proceed without impediment; and
iii. that Board Member may retain benefits under the interest or transaction notwithstanding that the Board Member has such interest; and
iv. the Company cannot avoid the transaction solely due to the existence of that interest.
13.12.2. Should disclosure be required under Section 191 of the Act then Clause 16.12.1 (i) shall apply only if the disclosure is made by the Board Member prior to the transaction being entered into with the company.

### 13.13. Negotiable Instruments

13.13.1. The Board shall authorize two (2) persons (at least one of whom shall be a Board Member) to sign, accept, draw, endorse or otherwise execute a negotiable instrument of the Company and the persons so authorized shall have power to deal with all negotiable instruments of the Company.
13.13.2. The Board may determine the manner in which a negotiable instrument is to be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed and otherwise in accordance with the Delegation's Manual.
13.13.3. The Board may from time to time withdraw any authority given to a Board Member in relation to a negotiable instrument of the Company without notice.

### 13.14. Resignation of Board Member

13.14.1. A Board Member may resign as a Board Member at any time by first giving a written Notice of Resignation to the Company at its registered office.
13.14.2. Any written notice of resignation of a Board Member shall have effect as and from the date and time of receipt at the registered office of the Company.

### 13.15. Remuneration of Board Members

13.15.1. The President is entitled to be paid an honorarium of up to Two thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per calendar year (payable to the President forthwith at the end of the term in each calendar year) to cover incidental expenditure, i.e. the cost of travel to meetings, etc. only if a Resolution of the Board, unanimously made, is passed to that effect.
13.15.2. The honorarium paid to the President may only be varied by a Special Resolution of the Full Members in General Meeting.
13.15.3. The Board Members shall be entitled to no remuneration save for the reimbursement of actual expenses incurred (in the opinion of the Board) in connection with the business of the Company.
13.15.4. The President shall not be allowed to vote upon any Resolution relating to remuneration of the President.

### 13.16. Disciplinary Procedures

13.16.1. The Board shall have full power vested in it to deal with any conduct of a Member which in the opinion of the Board may be unbecoming of a Member or otherwise prejudicial to the interests of the Company.
13.16.2. Should any Member willfully refuse or neglect to comply with any of the provisions of the Constitution or (in the opinion of the Board) be guilty of any conduct unbecoming of a Member or otherwise likely to prejudice the interests of the Company, the Board shall have full power to;
i. reprimand;
ii. suspend (for such period as the Board in its absolute discretion considers appropriate);
iii. counsel; and
iv. expel or accept the resignation of the Member
13.16.3. Prior to passing any Resolution of the Board against any Member herein the Board shall at least one (1) week prior to the meeting of the Board at which any Charge is to be determined notify the Member in writing by ordinary prepaid post as to
i. the substantive facts and circumstances alleged against him or her;
ii. the proposed or intended Resolution of the Board if the Charge is maintained and the Board passes such proposed or intended Resolution;
iii. the date and time of the Board Meeting;
iv. the right of the Member to personally attend any Hearing before the Board;
v. the right of the Member to answer any Charge against him or her by a reply in writing as well as a right to attend in person;
vi. the fact that the Member shall not be entitled to have any legal or professional representative present at the Board Meeting without the express written consent of the Board first being had and obtained;
vii. the right of the Member to call evidence and witnesses (if the case so requires) to answer any Charge; and
viii. such other matters as the Board in its absolute discretion may see fit.
13.16.4. Any Notice, answer or representation of the Member must be lodged with the Secretary at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time stated for commencement of the Board Meeting at which the Resolution for his or her discipline is to be considered by the Board.
13.16.5. The Board Members shall vote at such meeting by secret ballot and with such secret ballot to be conducted in such manner as the Board may decide in its absolute discretion.
13.16.6. No Resolution of the Board to discipline the Member in any manner set out in Clause 13.16.2 above shall be deemed to be passed unless at least a majority of the Board Members present and voting are in favour of such Resolution.
13.16.7. If the Member elects not to or fails to attend the Board Meeting at which the Charge or Complaint is to be heard and dealt with then the Board may pass a Resolution on the evidence then before it including any representations made in writing by the Member charged and on any other evidence available to the Board at the time of the meeting.
13.16.8. The provisions of the Evidence Act (NSW) shall not apply to any hearing by the Board herein.
13.16.9. Any Resolution of the Board herein shall be final and binding upon the Member and the Board shall not be required to give or assign any reasons for its decision and Resolution.
13.16.10. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary the Board shall have the power to delegate to the Secretary of the Company the power to suspend any Member for a period not exceeding one (1) calendar month calculated from the date that any Charge is laid and pending the Hearing of such Charge by the Board.

### 13.17. Right of Appeal of Disciplined Member

13.17.1. A Member may appeal against a Resolution of the Board under Clause 13.16 by lodging with the Secretary a Notice to that effect no later than seven (7) days after written notice of the Resolution of the Board is served on the Member.
13.17.2. The Notice shall contain or be accompanied by a Statement as to the grounds upon which the Member intends to rely for the purpose of his or her appeal.
13.17.3. On receipt of a Notice from the Member complying with the above the Secretary shall forthwith notify the Board which is to then convene a General Meeting of the Company to be held within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of receipt of the Member's Notice by the Secretary.
13.17.4. At the General Meeting of the Company so convened;
i. No business other than the question of the Appeal of the Member is to be transacted
ii. The Member and the Board must be given (in the opinion solely of the Board) the opportunity to state the grounds of Appeal and their respective cases orally or in writing or both
iii. The Members present at the General Meeting and entitled to vote are to vote by secret ballot solely on the question of whether the Resolution of the Board should be confirmed or revoked.
13.17.5. Any Resolution of the General Meeting either confirming or revoking (as the case may be) the Resolution of the Board shall be an ordinary Resolution and the Board Members and the Member appealing shall be entitled to vote.

## 14.SECRETARY

14.1. The Secretary shall in accordance with the Act be appointed by the Board Members for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as it thinks fit; and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by them. Nothing herein shall prevent the Board Members from appointing a Member of the Company as Honorary Secretary and any Member so appointed shall forthwith become an officer of the Company, if not already a Board Member.

## 15.SEAL

15.1. The Board Members shall provide for the safe custody of the seal, which shall only be used by the authority of the Board Members or of a SubCommittee of Board Members and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by a Member of the Board and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or by a second Board Member or by some other person appointed by the Board for the purpose.

## 16.ACCOUNTS

16.1. The Board Members shall cause proper accounting and other records to be kept and shall distribute copies of the Financial Statements and other records according to law (including every document required by law to be attached thereto) accompanied by a copy of the Auditors report thereon only if required under the Act, provided however, that the Board Members shall cause to be made out and laid before each Annual General Meeting a Financial Statement made up to date not more than two (2) months before the date of the meeting.
16.2. The Board Members shall from time to time determine in accordance with clause 1.8 of the Introduction to the Constitution at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounting and other records of the Company shall be open to the inspection of Members not being Board Members, and no Member (not being a Board Member) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or paper of the Company except;
i. as conferred by statute; or
ii. by Clause 1.7 of the Introduction; or
iii. pursuant to Clause 20 of the Constitution

## 17.AUDIT

17.1. A properly qualified Auditor or Auditors shall be appointed and his, her or their remuneration fixed and duties regulated in accordance with the Act and Clause 2.7 of the Introduction to the Constitution.

## 18.NOTICES

18.1. A notice may be given by the Company to any Member either personally or by sending it by post to him at his her or their registered address, or (if he has no registered address within the State) to the address, if any, within the State supplied by him to the Company for the giving of notices to him her or them. Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying, and posting a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected in the case of a notice of a meeting on the day after the date of its posting, and in any other case at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.
18.2. Notice of every General Meeting shall be given in any manner hereinbefore authorized to;
i. every Member except those Members who (having no registered address within the State) have not supplied to the Company an address within the State for the giving of notices to them; and
ii. the Auditor or Auditors for the time being of the Company.
18.3. No other person shall be entitled to receive notices of General Meetings.
18.4. A Notice of any Meeting under the Constitution is deemed to be received;
i. if sent by post at the expiration of two (2) days after the date it is posted.
ii. if sent by facsimile, e-mail or otherwise electronic means, on the immediately following business day after the day upon which the notice is sent.

### 18.5. Address for Notices to Members

18.5.1. Any Notice to a Member shall be sent to the address recorded in the Register of Members at the time the Notice is sent

## 19.INDEMNITY

19.1. Every Board Member, auditor, secretary and other officer for the time being of the Company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any liability arising out of the execution of the duties of his her or their office which is incurred by him her or them in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his her or their favour or in which he or she is acquitted or in connection with any Application under the Act in which relief is granted to him her or them by the Court in respect of any negligence default breach of duty or breach of trust.

## 20.INSPECTION OF THE BOOKS OF THE COMPANY

20.1. A Member shall be entitled to inspect the books and financial records of the Company if and only if;
20.1.1. an ordinary Resolution to that effect is passed at a General Meeting; or
20.1.2. the Board by Resolution authorizes such inspection; or
20.1.3. the Member seeking inspection provides notice in writing to the Board identifying the dominant purpose of inspection and the Board subsequently passes a Resolution authorizing inspection by that Member.

## 21. AMENDMENTS OR ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

21.1. The Constitution may be amended altered modified or repealed only by the passing of a Special Resolution of the Members in General Meeting.

## 22. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

22.1. The Board may pass a Resolution and do all other things necessary to empower the Chief Executive Officer of the Company to employ, regulate, appoint and terminate the employment of all employees of the Company, with the approval in writing of the President and Board.
22.2. The Chief Executive Officer shall abide by any Resolution of the Board.
22.3. The primary role of the Chief Executive Officer is to enforce the Board's directives.

## 23. SEVERABILITY

23.1. Should any part of the Constitution be invalid or be unenforceable then it may be excised from the Constitution without affecting the validity and applicability of the balance of the Constitution then remaining.

