



The Tasmanian Society of Justices of the Peace Inc.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, 5 SEPTEMBER 2019

PROPOSAL: TO ADOPT A NEW CONSTITUTION

Motion by special resolution:

That the document entitled Proposed Constitution June 2019, dated 30 June 2019, be approved as the Constitution for the Tasmanian Society of Justices of the Peace Inc, as required by the *Associations Incorporation Act 1964*, and that the approval take effect from the conclusion of this Special General Meeting.

Moved: David Hudson

Seconded: Matthew Combey

The Society's Council is proposing that the Society adopt a new Constitution, a copy of which is found on the society website: About Us/Constitution.

There are a number of reasons for this review:

1. *To facilitate the current and possible future changes which will come from the introduction of the new Justices of the Peace Act 2018, including the need for formal registration as a JP;*
2. *To reflect the most recent model rules provided under the Associations Incorporation Act 1964;*
3. *To provide a contemporary model of governance and administration for the Society;*
4. *To reduce the size of the Committee to 8, comprised of 5 office bearers and up to 5 committee members;*
5. *To clarify the terms of members elected as office bearers and committee members - it is proposed that all positions are elected annually, with the President having a maximum term of three consecutive years;*
6. *To clarify legally the Constitution of the Society as it has been advised by the Department of Justice that a change to the document approved at a general meeting in 2008 (to replace the 2007 Constitution) does not appear to have been registered with the Department;*
7. *To enable contemporary communication channels to be used to conduct meetings (that is, teleconferences, video meetings, etc.) and to communicate with members (that is, emails, social media, etc.).*
8. *To review the composition of the office bearers in terms of positions and roles – President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer;*
9. *To allow the Committee to determine which sub-committees, and their membership, it may require to be established;*
10. *To clarify the roles of the Committee and the Executive Committee; and*
11. *To clarify the definition of a financial member of the Society having regard for the registration requirements of the Justices of the Peace Act.*

The proposed constitution has been reviewed by the Society's Legal Consultant, Mr Daniel Zeeman, LLB of Butler, McIntyre & Butler.

Submitted for the consideration by the members of the Society.

Under the existing Constitution, approval requires a three-quarter majority of the members attending the Meeting.

David Hudson JP
Public Officer
30 June 2019