



REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM CANBERRA INC.

Purpose

This paper presents a revision of the Constitution (last amended May 2017) for consideration and approval by members at the Annual General Meeting.

Background

The current Constitution dated May 2017 provides that the Rules set out in this Constitution may only be amended at an annual general meeting or a general meeting of the Association by resolution of which not less than 21 days' notice has been given and which is carried by a three quarters majority of those financial Members present. The wording of any proposed amendment contemplated is to be included in the notice calling the meeting.

Consistent with good practice for associations, Council has reviewed the constitution to ensure that it is up-to-date and fit for purpose.

In undertaking this review, Council has taken into account the amended ACT Government Model Rules for Incorporated Associations, which was released recently following a period of consultation. While there is no legal requirement for associations to adopt the model rules, they do provide useful guidance and assistance.

Proposed Changes

The main changes are as follows

- Clearer provisions for disciplinary procedures which better reflect principles of natural justice;
- Updated provisions to provide for communication by email and virtual attendance at meetings; and
- Clearer descriptions of the role of committee members.

Proposed Resolution

That the Constitution of the Friends of the National Arboretum Inc be amended as set out in May 2024 amended Constitution.

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