

CONSUMERS' FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA
RULES OF ASSOCIATION

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PART I-PRELIMINARY

1. Interpretation

(1) In these rules, unless a contrary intention appears-

“financial year” means the year ending on 30 June;

“initial member” means those organisations taken to have been members of the association pursuant to paragraph 21(2)(a) of the Act.

“meetings, signatures, notices and documents” - so far as is allowable under the Associations Incorporation Act or any other law that may from time to time be relevant the Terms meetings, signatures, notices and documents where they appear in these rules will be taken to include electronic versions of the same;

“associate member” means a member who is an organisation that is approved for membership by the committee on such conditions as they may determine from time to time, but does not qualify as an organisational member;

“individual member” means a member who is a natural person;

"member" means:

- (a) for the purposes of clauses 13, 25, 27, 28, 29 and 30 an organisational member but not an associate or individual member; and
- (b) otherwise, a member, howsoever described, of the association.

“organisational member” means a member who is a group, association whether incorporated or unincorporated, body corporate or other body having two or more members, that is a consumer organisation that operates on a not for profit basis to advance the interests of consumers.

“ordinary committee member” means a member of the committee who is not an office-bearer of the association as referred to in paragraph 12 (1) (a);

“organisation” means a group, association whether incorporated or unincorporated, body corporate or other body having two or more members;

“secretary” means the person holding office under these rules as secretary of the association or, where no such person holds that office, the public officer of the association;

“the Act” means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*;

“the association” means the Consumers’ Federation of Australia;

“the Regulations” means the Associations Incorporation Regulations.

(2) In these rules-

- (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty; and
- (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a power, authority or duty, a reference to the exercise of the power or authority or the performance of the duty.

- (3) The provisions of the *Interpretation Act 1967* apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act.

1A. Objects of the Association

The objects of the Association are to be a peak organisation of the consumer advocacy sector and to advance the interests of consumers, including vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers. To further these objects, the organisation aims to:

- (a) Support the consumer advocacy sector in its casework, advocacy and law reform;
- (b) Support the consumer advocacy sector to ensure that vulnerable consumers have an effective voice;
- (c) Liaise with other consumer and community groups to advance the interests of consumers;
- (d) Facilitate consumer responses to government, industry and regulators;
- (e) Advocate on behalf of consumers in the development of relevant laws, law reform, policy development and in relation to industry practices;
- (f) Undertake research, policy development and education on consumer issues;
- (g) Eliminate systemic disadvantages to consumers for the purposes of achieving a fair market;
- (h) Other things to advance the interests of consumers.

PART II-MEMBERSHIP

2. Membership

- (1) An organisation or individual is qualified to be a member if they-
 - a) have a primary or substantial consumer focus which is compatible with the objects of the association; and
 - b) undertake to abide by and respect the Rules of the association; and
 - c) have applied for membership in accordance with Rule 3(1) and been subsequently approved by the committee of the association.
- (2) The association consists of the following categories of members
 - a) Individual members; and
 - b) Organisational members; and
 - c) Associate (non-voting) members.

3. Application for membership

- (1) An application for membership of the association-
 - (a) shall be made by an officer or authorised representative of the applicant, in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to these rules; and
 - (b) shall be lodged with the secretary of the association.

- (2) As soon as is practicable after receiving a nomination for membership, the secretary shall refer the application to the committee which shall determine whether to approve or to reject the application.
- (3) Where the committee determines to approve an application for membership, the secretary shall as soon as practicable after that determination notify the applicant of that approval and request the applicant to pay within 28 days after receipt of the notification the sum payable under these rules by a member as the entrance fee and the first year's annual subscription.
- (4) The secretary shall following approval of an application by the committee, enter the applicant's name in the register of members and, upon the name being so entered, the applicant shall become a member of the association.

4. Membership entitlements not transferable

A right, privilege or obligation which an organisation has by reason of being a member of the association-

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another organisation; and
- (b) terminates upon cessation of the organisation's membership.

5. Cessation of membership

- (1) An organisation or individual ceases to be a member of the association if they-
 - (a) resign by giving written notice to the association in accordance with Rule 6; or
 - (b) fail to renew membership of the association; or
 - (c) are expelled from the association; or
 - (d) cease to satisfy the eligibility requirements for admission to the association; or
 - (e) being a natural person, die; or
 - (f) being an organisation, are disbanded or become subject to any form of insolvency or administration, whether voluntary or otherwise, or a receiver or a receiver and manager is appointed over any of its property.

(2) The cessation of membership does not extinguish liability for any monies owing to the association, nor does it give rise to an entitlement to a refund for monies duly paid.

6. Resignation of membership

- (1) A member is not entitled to resign from membership of the association except in accordance with this rule.
- (2) A member who has paid all amounts payable by the member to the association may resign from membership of the association by first giving notice (being not less than 1 month or, if the committee has determined a shorter period, that shorter period) in writing to the secretary of the member's intention to resign and, upon the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.
- (3) Where an organisation ceases to be a member, the secretary shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

7. Fee, subscriptions

- (1) The annual membership fee of the association will be such fee or fees as determined by resolution of the committee.
- (2) The committee may determine to apply different fees to different categories of members and to different types of members within membership categories.
- (3) The annual membership fee is payable in advance on such day as is determined by the committee.
- (4) The committee reserves the right to waive all or part of a membership fee at its discretion.
- (5) Any member who fails to:
 - (a) pay in accordance with the direction of the committee, or
 - (b) request a waiver of the monies owing,is deemed to have failed to renew under Rule 5.1(b).

8. Members' liabilities

The liability of a member to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the association as required by rule 7.

9. Disciplining of members

- (1) Where the committee is of the opinion that a member-
 - (a) no longer meets the membership qualifications under rule 2;
 - (b) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision of these rules; or
 - (c) has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the association,the committee may, by resolution-
 - (d) expel the member from the association; or
 - (e) suspend the member from such rights and privileges of membership of the association as the committee may determine for a specified period.
- (2) A resolution of the committee under subrule (1) is of no effect unless the committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service on the member of a notice under subrule (3), confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.
- (3) Where the committee passes a resolution under subrule (1), the secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause a notice in writing to be served on the member-
 - (a) setting out the resolution of the committee and the grounds on which it is based;
 - (b) stating that an officer or authorised representative of the member may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service of the notice;
 - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
 - (d) informing the member that an officer or authorised representative of the member may do either or both of the following:
 - (i) attend and speak at that meeting;

- (ii) submit to the committee at or prior to the date of that meeting written representations relating to the resolution.
- (4) Subject to section 50 of the Act, at a meeting of the committee mentioned in subrule (2), the committee shall-
 - (a) give to the officer or authorised representative of the member mentioned in subrule an opportunity to make oral representations;
 - (b) give due consideration to any written representations submitted to the committee by that member at or prior to the meeting; and
 - (c) by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution of the committee made under subrule (1).
 - (5) Where the committee confirms a resolution under subrule (4), the secretary shall, within 7 days after that confirmation, by notice in writing inform the member of that confirmation and of the member's right of appeal under rule 10.
 - (6) A resolution confirmed by the committee under subrule (4) does not take effect-
 - (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution where the member does not exercise the right of appeal within that period; or
 - (b) where within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the association confirms the resolution in accordance with subrule 10 (4).

10. Right of appeal of disciplined member

- (1) A member may appeal to the association in general meeting against a resolution of the committee which is confirmed under subrule 9 (4), within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.
- (2) Upon receipt of a notice under subrule (1), the secretary shall notify the committee which shall convene a general meeting of the association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice or as soon as possible after that date.
- (3) Subject to section 50 of the Act, at a general meeting of the association convened under subrule (2)-
 - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;
 - (b) the committee and an officer or authorised representative of the member shall be given the opportunity to make representations in relation to the appeal orally or in writing, or both; and
 - (c) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution made under subrule 9 (4) should be confirmed or revoked.
- (4) If the meeting passes a special resolution in favour of the confirmation of the resolution made under subrule 9 (4), that resolution is confirmed.

PART III-THE COMMITTEE

11. Powers of the committee

The committee, subject to the Act, the Regulations, these rules, and to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting-

- (a) shall control and manage the affairs of the association;

- (b) may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the association other than those functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by the association in general meeting; and
- (c) has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the association.

12. Constitution and membership

- (1) The committee shall consist of-
 - (a) the office-bearers of the association; and
 - (b) (6) ordinary committee members;
each of whom shall be a member or an authorised representative of a member and whom shall be elected pursuant to rule 13 or appointed in accordance with subrule (4).
- (2) The office-bearers of the association shall be-
 - (a) the chairperson;
 - (b) the deputy chairperson;
 - (c) the treasurer; and
 - (d) the secretary.
- (3) Each member of the committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of his or her election, but is eligible for re-election.
- (4) In the event of a **vacancy** in the membership of the committee, the committee may appoint an officer or authorised representative of a member of the association to fill the vacancy and the person so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

12A. Election of committee members in the first year of incorporation

- (1) The initial members of the association shall call for nominations for members of the committee as soon as practicable after incorporation of the association.
- (2) Nomination and election of committee members shall occur in accordance with rule 13 except that:
 - (a) the election may take place at a special general meeting of the association; and
 - (b) nominations of candidates for election as office bearers of the association or as ordinary committee members shall be delivered to the public officer.

13. Election of committee members

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the association or as ordinary committee members-

- (a) shall be made in writing, signed for and on behalf of 2 members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the nomination form); and
 - (b) shall be delivered to the secretary of the association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.
 - (3) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee shall be deemed to be vacancies.
 - (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be taken to be elected.
 - (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
 - (6) The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary committee members shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such manner as the committee may direct.
 - (7) A person is not eligible to simultaneously hold more than 1 position on the committee.

14. Secretary

- (1) The secretary of the association shall, as soon as practicable after being appointed as secretary, notify the association of his or her address.
- (2) The secretary shall keep minutes of-
 - (a) all elections and appointments of office-bearers and ordinary committee members;
 - (b) the names of members of the committee present at a committee meeting or a general meeting; and
 - (c) all proceedings at committee meetings and general meetings.
- (3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting shall be signed by the person presiding at the meeting or by the person presiding at the next succeeding meeting.

15. Treasurer

- (1) The treasurer of the association shall-
 - (a) collect and receive all moneys due to the association and make all payments authorised by the association; and
 - (b) keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the association.

16. Vacancies

- (1) For the purposes of these rules, a vacancy in the office of a member of the committee occurs if the committee member-
 - (a) dies;
 - (b) resigns the office;

- (c) is removed from office pursuant to rule 17;
- (d) becomes bankrupt;
- (e) suffers from mental or physical incapacity;
- (f) is disqualified from office under subsection 63 (1) of the Act; or
- (g) is absent without the consent of the committee from all meetings of the committee held during a period of 6 months;

or, if the organisation of which the committee member is an officer or authorised representative, ceases to be a member of the association.

17. Removal of committee members

The association in general meeting may by resolution, subject to section 50 of the Act, remove any member of the committee, from the office of member of the committee before the expiration of the member's term of office.

18. Committee meetings and quorum

- (1) The committee shall meet at least 4 times in each calendar year at such place and time as the committee may determine.
- (2) Additional meetings of the committee may be convened by any member of the committee.
- (3) Meetings of the committee may be called or held using any technology consented to by all members of the committee. The consent may be a standing one. A committee member may only withdraw their consent within a reasonable period before the meeting.
- (4) Oral or written notice of a meeting of the committee shall be given by the secretary to each member of the committee at least 48 hours (or such other period as may be unanimously agreed upon by the members of the committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
- (5) Notice of a meeting given under subrule (4) shall specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business shall be transacted at the meeting, except business which the committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business
- (6) Any 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.
- (7) No business shall be transacted by the committee unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting stands adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.
- (8) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.
- (9) At meetings of the committee-
 - (a) the chairperson or in the absence of the chairperson, the deputy chairperson shall preside; or
 - (b) if the chairperson and the deputy chairperson are absent, 1 of the remaining members of the committee may be chosen by the members present to preside.

19. Delegation by committee to sub-committee

- (1) The committee may, by instrument in writing, delegate to 1 or more sub-committees (consisting of such officer or officers, authorised representative or representatives of a member or members of the association as the committee thinks fit) the exercise of such of the functions of the committee as are specified in the instrument, other than
 - (a) this power of delegation; and
 - (b) a function which is a function imposed on the committee by the Act, by any other law of the Territory, or by resolution of the association in general meeting.
- (2) A function, the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-committee under this rule may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
- (3) A delegation under this rule may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
- (4) Notwithstanding any delegation under this rule, the committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
- (5) Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this rule has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the committee.
- (6) The committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this rule.
- (7) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

20. Voting and decisions

- (1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee shall be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.
- (2) Each member of the committee present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to 1 vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (3) Subject to subrule 18 (5), the committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.
- (4) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the committee, is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the committee or sub-committee.
- (5)
 - (a) The members of the committee may pass a resolution without a meeting of the committee being held if a majority of members of the committee entitled to vote on the resolution respond via electronic mail containing a statement that they are in favour of the resolution set out in the document.
 - (b) For the purposes of sub rule 5(a) a member of the committee is entitled to one vote unless they have indicated to the Chair a leave of absence or incapacity of another kind to perform their duties required by the committee for more than two consecutive days.

- (c) The resolution referred to in sub rule 5(a) cannot be passed unless a quorum of committee members is entitled to vote.
- (d) The resolution is passed when the last member of the committee responds.

PART IV-GENERAL MEETINGS

21. Annual general meetings – holding of

- (1) With the exception of the first annual general meeting of the association, the association shall at least once in each calendar year and within the period of 5 months after the expiration of each financial year of the association, convene an annual general meeting of its members.
- (2) The association shall hold its first annual general meeting-
 - (a) within the period of 18 months after its incorporation under the Act: and
 - (b) within the period of 5 months after the expiration of the first financial year of the association.
- (3) Subrules (1) and (2) have effect subject to the powers of the Registrar-General under section 120 of the Act in relation to extensions of time.

22. Annual general meetings-calling of and business at

- (1) The annual general meeting of the association shall, subject to the Act, be convened on such date and at such place and time as the committee thinks fit.
- (2) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting , the business of an annual general meeting shall be-
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
 - (b) to receive from the committee reports on the activities of the association during the last preceding financial year;
 - (c) to elect members of the committee, including office-bearers; and
 - (d) to receive and consider the statement of accounts and the reports that are required to be submitted to members pursuant to subsection 73 (1) of the Act.
- (3) An annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it in accordance with rule 24.
- (4) An annual general meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Part.
- (5) The association may hold an annual general meeting of its members at 2 or more venues using any technology that gives the members as a whole a reasonable opportunity to participate.

23. General meetings-calling of

- (1) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a general meeting of the association.
- (2) The committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than 5 per cent of the total number of members, convene a general meeting of the association.

- (3) General meetings of the association may be held at 2 or more venues using any technology that gives the members as a whole a reasonable opportunity to participate.
- (4) A requisition of members for a general meeting-
 - (a) shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting;
 - (b) shall be signed for and on behalf of the members making the requisition;
 - (c) shall be lodged with the secretary; and
 - (d) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed for and on behalf of 1 or more of the members making the requisition.
- (5) If the committee fails to convene a general meeting within 1 month after the date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the secretary in accordance with subrule (2), any 1 or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- (6) A general meeting convened by a member or members referred to in subrule (5) shall be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee and any member who thereby incurs expense is entitled to be reimbursed by the association for any reasonable expense so incurred.

24. Notice

- (1) Except where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause to be sent by electronic mail or pre-paid post to each member at the member's email address or mailing address respectively appearing in the register of members, a notice specifying the place, date and item of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (2) Where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary shall, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be sent to each member in the manner provided in subrule (1) specifying, in addition to the matter required under that subrule, the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.
- (3) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting shall be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted pursuant to subrule 22(2).
- (4) A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the secretary who shall include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.

25. General meetings-procedure and quorum

- (1) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- (2) Officers or authorised representatives of 5 members (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) present in person constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
- (3) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of

members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.

- (4) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being not less than 3) shall constitute a quorum.

26. Presiding member

- (1) The chairperson or in the absence of the chairperson, the deputy chairperson shall preside at each general meeting of the association.
- (2) If the chairperson and the deputy chairperson are absent from a general meeting, the officers or authorised representatives of members present shall elect 1 of their number to preside at the meeting.

27. Adjournment

- (1) The person presiding at a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- (2) Where a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the secretary shall give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the association stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (3) Except as provided in subrules (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

28. Making of decisions

- (1) A question arising at a general meeting of the association shall be determined on a show of hands and, unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the person presiding that a resolution has, no a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the association, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.
- (2) At a general meeting of the association, a poll may be demanded by the person presiding or by the officers or authorised representatives of not less than 3 members present in person or by proxy at the meeting.
- (3) Where the poll is demanded at a general meeting, the poll shall be taken-
 - (a) immediately in the case of a poll which relates to the election of the person to preside at the meetings or to the question of an adjournment; or
 - (b) in any other case, in such manner and at such time before the close of the meeting as the person presiding directs, and the resolution of the poll on the matter shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting on that manner.

29. Voting

- (1) Subject to subrule (3), upon any question arising at a general meeting of the association a member has 1 vote only.
- (2) All votes shall be given personally or by proxy but no member may hold more than 5 proxies.
- (3) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the person presiding is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (4) A member or proxy is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association unless all money due and payable by the member or proxy to the association has been paid, other than the amount to the annual subscription payable in respect of the then current year.

30. Appointment of proxies

- (1) Each member shall be entitled to appoint an officer or authorised representative of another member as proxy by notice given to the secretary not later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (2) The notice appointing the proxy shall be in the form set out in Appendix 2 to these rules.

PART V-MISCELLANEOUS

31. Funds-source

- (1) The funds of the association shall be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting and subject to section 114 of the Act, such other sources as the committee determines.
- (2) All money received by the association shall be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the association's bank account.
- (3) The association shall, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

32. Funds-management

- (1) Subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, the funds of the association shall be used in pursuance of the objects of the association in such manner as the committee determines.
- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any 2 members of the committee or employees of the association, being members of the committee or employees authorised to do so by the committee.

33. Alteration of objects and rules

Neither the objects of the association referred to in section 29 of the Act nor these rules shall be altered except in accordance with the Act.

34. Common seal

- (1) The common seal of the association shall be kept in the custody of the secretary.
- (2) The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures either of 2 members of the committee or of 1 member of the committee and of the secretary.

35. Custody of books

Subject to the Act, the Regulations and these rules, the secretary shall keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books, and other documents relating to the association.

36. Inspection of books

The records, books and other documents of the association shall be open to inspection at a place in the Territory, free of charge, by a member of the association at any reasonable hour.

37. Service of Notice

- (1) For the purpose of these rules, a notice may be served by or on behalf of the association upon any member either personally, by sending it by post to the member at the member's address shown in the register of members, or by transmitting it via facsimile to the member's facsimile number shown in the register of members.
- (2) Where a document is sent to a person by properly addressing, prepaying and posting to the person a letter containing the document, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed for the purposes of these rules to have been served on the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of the post.
- (3) Where a document is sent to a person by properly transmitting a copy of the document to the person's facsimile number, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed for the purposes of these rules to have been served on the person at the time specified in the transmission confirmation printed by the sender's facsimile machine.

38. Surplus property

- (1) At the first general meeting of the association, the association shall pass a special resolution nominating-
 - (a) another association for the purpose of paragraph 92(1)(a) of the Act; or
 - (b) a fund, authority or institution for the purpose of paragraph 92 (1)(b) of the Act, in which it is to vest its surplus property in the event of the dissolution or winding up of the association.
- (2) An association nominated under paragraph (1) (a) must fulfil the requirements specified in subsection 92 (2) of the Act.

APPENDIX 1

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION

.....Incorporated
(incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*)

.....
(*full name of applicant*)

of
(*address*)

.....hereby applies to become
(*type of work undertaken*)

a member of the abovenamed incorporated association. In the event of its admission as a member, it agrees to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force.

.....
(*signature of an officer or authorised representative of the applicant*)

Date

APPENDIX 2
FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I,
(full name)

of
(address)

being a member of
(name of incorporated association)

hereby appoint
(full name of proxy)

of
(address)

being a member of that incorporated association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the general meeting of the association (annual general meeting or other general meeting, as the case may be) to be held on the day of 19..... and at any adjournment of that meeting.

- My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (*delete as appropriate*) the resolution (*insert details*).

.....
(Signature of member
appointing proxy)

(*To be inserted if desired.)

Date

NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the association.

