# Wentworth Healthcare 

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## CONSTITUTION <br> Wentworth Healthcare Limited

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## Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)

## Public company limited by guarantee

## Wentworth Healthcare Limited

ACN 155904975

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2.1 The object of the Company is to promote the prevention or the control of diseases in human beings living in the Region.
2.2 In order to promote health by the prevention or the control of diseases in human beings, the Company will:
2.2.1 improve the delivery of Primary Health Care services to patients by developing integrated and coordinated health services and programs, including:
(a) identifying and addressing health services gaps and breakdowns;
(b) promoting high patient care standards, increased access to services including after-hours services and telehealth services;
(c) improving patient awareness of and access to health services; and
(d) promoting primary healthcare as part of an integrated health system;
2.2.2 provide support to clinicians and health service providers to improve their patient care;
2.2.3 collaborate with consumer and community groups to ensure consumer engagement and representation in the provision of Primary Health Care;
2.2.4 identify health needs of the community and developing locally focussed and responsive health services to improve local patient care, including:
(a) analysing and reporting on the Primary Health Care service gaps; and
(b) identifying strategies to improve health outcomes and quality of services including for disadvantaged or under-serviced groups;
2.2.5 facilitate the implementation and successful performance of primary healthcare initiatives and programs to improve patient care, including:
(a) focussing on prevention and early intervention in Primary Health Care; and
(b) improving health care service delivery;
2.2.6 raise money to further the aims of the Company and to secure sufficient funds for the purposes of the Company;
2.2.7 receive any funds and to distribute these funds in a manner that best attains the objects of the Company; and
2.2.8 do all such things as are incidental, convenient or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the above.
2.3 The Company may only exercise the powers in section 124(1) of the Corporations Act to:
2.3.1 carry out the objects in this clause 2 ; and
2.3.2 do all things incidental or convenient in relation to the exercise of power under clause 2.3.1.

## MEMBERSHIP

## Membership

3.1 The Members of the Company are the Initial Members and such other Organisations as may be admitted to membership in accordance with this constitution, in each case until such time as the relevant person ceases to be a Member in accordance with this constitution.
3.2 The membership of the Company will consist only of eligible Organisations, as follows:
3.2.1 A Member must be an Organisation.
3.2.2 A Member must have a significant, active and demonstrable interest in the health and well being of human beings in the Region. This does not preclude
the Member from having a national or state-wide focus, or from conducting activities outside of the Region.
3.2.3 A Member must be a major stakeholder in Primary Health Care in the Region.
3.2.4 A Member's objects and activities must (in the Board's opinion) be consistent with, and make a substantial contribution towards the objects of the Company.
3.2.5 A Member may be a not-for-profit or a for-profit entity.
3.3 Unless this constitution provides otherwise, all Members have the same rights.

Membership not transferable
3.4 A Member's rights, privileges and benefits of membership are personal to the Member and membership of the Company is not transferable.

## Trust and related arrangements

3.5 Except as required by law:
3.5.1 No person is to be recognised by the Company as holding its membership on trust or otherwise holding the membership as a representative of another person.
3.5.2 Regardless of it having notice of any other interest or right, the Company is not bound by, or compelled in any way to recognise, any equitable, contingent, future, partial or other right or interest in a Member's membership of the Company.

## Members

3.6 All Members must do all of the following:
3.6.1 In order to maintain membership, pay any annual subscription in accordance with clause 4.2.
3.6.2 Otherwise comply with the provisions of this constitution.
3.7 A Member has the right to receive notices of, to attend and to be heard at any general meeting, and has the right to vote at any general meeting.

## Form of application

An application for membership must comply with the following requirements:
3.8.1 It must be signed by the applicant or by an authorised representative of the applicant.
3.8.2 It must be accompanied by the annual subscription determined in accordance with clause 4.2 (if any).
3.8.3 It must be accompanied by such documents or evidence as to qualification for membership as the Board may determine from time to time within the requirements for membership set out in clause 3.2.

## Admission to membership

3.9 Any Organisation that considers that it satisfies the eligibility criteria set out in clause 3.2 may apply for membership of the Company.
3.10 The Board must consider an application for membership as soon as practicable after its receipt and determine, with reference to the eligibility criteria set out in clause 3.2 but otherwise in the Board's absolute discretion, the admission or rejection of the applicant.
3.11 The Board does not have to give reasons for accepting or rejecting an application for membership, but must provide a full list of applicants for membership including those whose applications have been rejected, to the Members.
3.12 If an application for membership is rejected:

### 3.12.1 The Secretary must notify the applicant in writing of that fact within a reasonable period.

3.12.2 Any annual subscription paid by the applicant (in accordance with clause 3.8.2) must be refunded to the applicant.
3.13 If an applicant is accepted for membership, the Secretary must notify the applicant of admission in the form of a receipt for any annual subscription paid by the applicant, or in such other form as the Board may determine from time to time, and the name and details of the applicant must be entered in the Register.
3.14 An applicant that is accepted for membership becomes a Member when the applicant's name is entered in the Register.

## Duration of membership

3.15 Subject to clause 3.16:
3.15.1 The membership of all Members as at the date of adoption of this constitution, and all persons subsequently admitted to membership prior to the AGM that is held in 2025, will end at the close of the AGM that is held in 2025 provided that at least one Member has been notified prior to that AGM in accordance with clause 3.17.6 that their application for readmission to membership is accepted.
3.15.2 Thereafter, without limiting clause 5, on and from the close of the AGM that is held in 2025, a Member's membership ends at the close of the third-next AGM (namely, the close of the AGM that is held in 2028, 2031, 2034 and every third successive AGM thereafter) provided that at least one Member has been notified prior to the relevant AGM in accordance with clause 3.17.6 that their application for readmission to membership is accepted.
3.16 If a Member is readmitted to membership in the relevant year in accordance with clause 3.17, the Member's membership is deemed not to have ended under clause 3.15 .

## Application for readmission to membership

3.17 In a year during which a Member's membership ends in accordance with clause 3.15, the relevant person is entitled to apply to be readmitted to membership as follows:
3.17.1 The Member must apply to be readmitted to membership from the close of that year's AGM, using such form and providing such supporting information as the Board may prescribe from time to time before that AGM. The Member's application must be accompanied by payment of the annual subscription determined in accordance with clause 4.2 (if any). To avoid doubt, if a Member fails to apply to be readmitted to membership in accordance with this clause 3.17, the Member's membership will end automatically in accordance with clause 3.15 .
3.17.2 The application to be readmitted to membership, any annual subscription and any required supporting information must be lodged on or before a date specified by the Board, being a date that is a reasonable period before the relevant AGM and in any event no less than 40 business days before that AGM.
3.17.3 The Board (or its delegate, as applicable) must consider an application for readmission to membership that is submitted in accordance with clauses 3.17.1 and 3.17.2 as soon as practicable after its receipt and determine, with reference to the eligibility criteria set out in clause 3.2 and subject to clause 3.17 .4 but otherwise in the absolute discretion of the Board, the admission or rejection of the applicant. Such determination must be made a reasonable period before the relevant AGM.
3.17.4 To avoid doubt, if the Board considers that a Member that applies to be readmitted for membership in accordance with this clause 3.17 satisfies the eligibility criteria set out in clause 3.2, the Board must accept the Member's application for readmission to membership.
3.17.5 The Board does not have to give reasons for accepting or rejecting an application for readmission to membership, but must provide a full list of applicants for readmission to membership including those whose applications have been rejected, to the Members at or before the relevant AGM.
3.17.6 If an application for readmission to membership is accepted, the Secretary must notify the applicant in writing of that fact within a reasonable time before the relevant AGM.
3.17.7 If an application for readmission to membership is rejected, the Secretary must notify the applicant in writing of that fact within a reasonable time before the relevant AGM and refund to the applicant any annual subscription paid by the applicant at the time that application was lodged.

## Register of Members

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

## Funding conditions

4.1 Despite any other provision of this constitution:
4.1.1 no Member will be required to pay an annual subscription or equivalent fee in respect of its membership of the Company; and

### 4.1.2 the Board must not seek to impose any such subscription or fee,

to the extent this would contravene any funding conditions (or equivalent requirements imposed by an external funding party) that apply to the Company.

## Annual subscription

4.2 Subject to clause 4.1, the annual subscription payable by a Member is such sum as the Board may prescribe from time to time, and for the avoidance of doubt may be nil.
4.2.1 All annual subscriptions are due and payable in advance on 1 July in each year.
4.2.2 If an Organisation applies for membership after 1 July in any year, the Board may reduce the annual subscription payable by the applicant in such manner as they think fit.

## Unpaid annual subscriptions

4.3 A Member ceases to be entitled to any of the rights or privileges of membership if any annual subscription payable by the Member in accordance with this clause 4 remains unpaid for two months after it becomes payable and a notice of default is given to the Member pursuant to a resolution of the Board. However, the rights or privileges of membership may be reinstated on payment of all arrears if the Board (in its absolute discretion) so resolves.

## REMOVAL AND CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

## Resignation

5.1 A Member may resign from membership of the Company by giving written notice to the Secretary.
5.2 Without limiting clause 5.11, the resignation of a Member is deemed to take effect from the date of receipt of the notice of resignation or such later date as is provided in the notice.

## Failure to pay

5.3 If a Member has not paid all arrears of annual subscriptions in accordance with clause 4.2 .1 or, if paid, the Member's rights and privileges are not reinstated by the Board in accordance with clause 4.3, all of the following apply in respect of that Member:
5.3.1 The Member remains liable for all the obligations and liabilities of membership for six months after the date of notification under clause 4.3.
5.3.2 Without limiting clause 5.11, the Member ceases to be a Member and the Member's name must be removed from the Register at the end of the six month period.

## Other cessation of membership

An ordinary resolution of Members is required to pass the necessary resolution to remove a Member referred to in clause 5.6 under clause 5.5.

## Consequences of resignation or other cessation of membership

5.11 Resignation from membership in accordance with clause 5.1, or a Member's membership ceasing in accordance with clause 3.15 , clause 5.3, clause 5.4 or clause 5.10 , does not limit the Member's liability under this constitution, and despite that cessation of membership the former Member continues to be liable for all fees and other money owing
to the Company as at the date of the cessation of its membership of the Company and for any amount payable in accordance with clause 1.2 .
6.1 Subject to clauses $6.2,6.3,6.4$ and 19 , the Company may not pay or transfer any income or property, directly or indirectly, to any Member.

## Payments, services and information

6.2 Nothing in this clause 6 prevents the Company making a payment in good faith of any of the following:
6.2.1 Remuneration to any officers or employees of the Company for services actually rendered to the Company (including payment of directors' fees in accordance with clause 12.1).
6.2.2 An amount to any Member in return for any services actually rendered to the Company or for goods supplied in the ordinary and usual course of business or otherwise on arm's length commercial terms.
6.2.3 Reasonable and proper interest on money borrowed from any Member.
6.2.4 Reasonable and proper rent for premises let by any Member to the Company.
6.2.5 Reimbursement of expenses reasonably and properly incurred by any Member on the Company's behalf with the consent of the Board.
6.2.6 A grant or similar contribution made by the Company in support of the Principal Purpose.
6.3 Nothing in this clause 6 prevents the Company from providing services or information to the Members on terms which are different from the terms on which services or information are provided to persons who are not Members, or providing services or information to Members on different terms from time to time.
6.4 Nothing in this clause 6 prevents a Member from receiving services from the Company.

## Convening of meetings by Directors

7.1 Any two Directors may convene a general meeting.

## Convening of meetings by Members

7.2 The Board must call and arrange to hold a general meeting if required to do so under the Corporations Act

## Notice of general meeting

7.3 The Board may give notice of a general meeting by any form of communication permitted by the Corporations Act, provided that where a Member has made an election or ad hoc request under the Corporations Act about how documents are to be sent to the Member, subject to the Corporations Act the Board must comply with that election or request.
7.3.1 The notice of a general meeting must specify whether the meeting is to be held wholly or partly using virtual meeting technology, the place or places (if any) of the meeting, the day and the hour of meeting and if the meeting is to be held in two or more places, the technology (if any) that will be used to facilitate the meeting, the general nature of the business to be transacted and any other matters as are required by the Corporations Act.
7.3.2 The accidental omission to give notice of any general meeting to, or the nonreceipt of a notice by, a person entitled to receive notice does not affect the validity of any act, transaction, agreement, instrument, resolution or other thing.

## Cancellation of general meetings

7.4 The Board may cancel a general meeting, other than a general meeting which the Board is required to convene and hold under the Corporations Act.
7.5 The Board may cancel a general meeting if notice of the cancellation is given to all persons entitled to receive notice of the meeting at least two business days prior to the time of the meeting as specified in notice of meeting.

## Quorum at general meetings

7.6 The Members in general meeting may not transact any business unless a quorum of Members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business.
7.7 Except as otherwise set out in this constitution, a quorum for the purposes of a general meeting is the number equal to the lesser of:

### 7.7.1 11 Members; and

7.7.2 $50 \%$ of the total number of Members entitled to vote at the meeting, rounded up to the next highest whole number,
and in either case, a Member is treated as present if the Member is present in person or if represented by a representative, proxy or attorney.
7.8 If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting or a longer period allowed by the chairperson:
7.8.1 If the meeting was convened by or on the requisition of Members, it must be dissolved.
7.8.2 Otherwise, it must stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to another day and at another time and place determined by the Board.
7.9 If a meeting has been adjourned to another time and place determined by the Board, not less than five business days' notice of the adjourned meeting must be given in the same manner as in the case of the original meeting.

## Quorum at adjourned general meetings

7.10 At the adjourned meeting, a quorum is the number equal to the lesser of:
7.10.1 6 Members; and
7.10.2 $25 \%$ of the total number of Members entitled to vote at the meeting, rounded up to the next highest whole number,
and in either case, a Member is treated as present if the Member is present in person or if represented by a representative, proxy or attorney.

## Appointment of chairperson

7.11 Every general meeting must be chaired by a chairperson. The chairperson will be determined as follows:
7.11.1 If the Board has elected a Director as Chair in accordance with clause 14.7, that person is entitled to chair every general meeting.
7.11.2 Secondly, the Directors present at the meeting must elect one of their number to chair that meeting if either of the following applies:
(a) No Chair has been elected in accordance with clause 14.7.
(b) The Chair is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act.
7.11.3 Thirdly, the Members entitled to vote at the meeting present in person or by representative, proxy or attorney at the meeting must elect one of those Members to chair that meeting if either of the following applies:
(a) There are no Directors present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
(b) All Directors present decline to chair the meeting.

## Chairperson's powers

7.12 The chairperson may temporarily vacate the chair at a general meeting in favour of another person present at any time and for any reason they see fit, and must do so if the Members are voting on the chairperson's election or re-election as a Director (if applicable).
7.16 At a general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting must be decided on a show of hands, or another method approved by the chairperson of the general meeting for Members to indicate their preference, unless a poll is demanded before that vote is taken or before the result is declared or immediately after the result is declared.
7.17 If a poll is not duly demanded, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has on a show of hands, or other method of voting approved by the chairperson under clause 7.16, 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, is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

## Demand for a poll

7.27 No objection may be raised to the qualification of a voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered.
7.28

A poll may be demanded by either:
7.18.1 The chairperson.
7.18.2 At least five Members entitled to vote on the resolution.
7.18.3 Any Member or Members with at least 5\% of the votes that may be cast on the resolution on a poll.

The demand for a poll may be withdrawn with the consent of the chairperson.
The demand for a poll does not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of business other than the question on which a poll is demanded.

If a poll is duly demanded, it must be taken in the manner and, except on a question of adjournment, either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the chairperson directs. The result of the poll is the resolution of the meeting at which the poll is demanded.

A poll demanded on a question of adjournment must be taken immediately.
A poll cannot be demanded at a general meeting on the election of a chairperson of the general meeting.

## Voting rights of Members

On a show of hands or other method of voting approved by the chairperson under clause 7.16, every Member present by proxy, attorney or representative has one vote.

On a poll or a Ballot every Member present by proxy, attorney or representative has one vote.

## Vote of the chairperson at general meetings

The chairperson of a general meeting is not entitled to a vote in person but may exercise any votes he or she may have as a representative, proxy or attorney of a Member. To avoid doubt, in a case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or other method of voting approved by the chairperson under clause 7.16 or on a poll, the chairperson of the general meeting has does not have a second or casting vote in addition to any votes he or she may have as a representative, proxy or attorney of a Member.

## Objections to voter qualification

An objection to the qualification of a voter must be referred to the chairperson, whose decision is final.
7.29 A vote not disallowed according to an objection as provided in this constitution is valid for all purposes.

## Mode of meeting for Members

7.30 A general meeting may be called or held, including at more than one place or entirely by using virtual meeting technology that satisfies the requirements of this clause 7.30 without a specific venue.
7.30.1 The Company must give the Members entitled to attend the meeting, as a whole, a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting.
7.30.2 Any virtual meeting technology that is used to hold a general meeting must be reasonable and must allow the Members who are entitled to attend the meeting, and do attend the meeting using that virtual meeting technology, as a whole, to exercise orally and in writing any rights of those Members to ask questions and make comments.
7.30.3 Anyone using virtual meeting technology that satisfies the requirements of clause 7.30 .2 to participate in the general meeting is taken to be present in person at the general meeting while so participating.
7.30.4 Subject to the other provisions of this constitution, the Members may otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit..
7.31 Where a general meeting is held using virtual meeting technology in accordance with clause 7.30.2:
7.31.1 If a person may attend the general meeting physically (whether or not the meeting is also held using virtual meeting technology), the place and time for the meeting is taken to be the main location of the meeting as set out in the notice of meeting, and the time at that place.
7.31.2 If the meeting is held using virtual meeting technology only, the place for the meeting is taken to be the address of the Office, and the time for the meeting is taken to be the time at the Office.
7.31.3 Without limiting the chairperson's powers under this constitution and at law, the general meeting must be conducted in accordance with any policies adopted by the Board from time to time concerning the use of virtual meeting technology to conduct general meetings, to the extent that such policies are consistent with the Corporations Act and this constitution.
7.31.4 If any technical difficulties occur before or during the general meeting, the chairperson may:
(a) if the chairperson considers that the virtual meeting technology being used no longer satisfies the requirements of clause 7.30 .2 , adjourn the general meeting until those requirements are satisfied or otherwise adjourn the general meeting to such other date and time as
the chairperson considers appropriate and to such other place (if any) as the chairperson considers appropriate; or
(b) continue the meeting, if a quorum is present (whether at the place the chairperson is present, or by means of virtual meeting technology that satisfies the requirements of clause 7.30.2) and the Members as a whole have a reasonable opportunity to participate. That continuation will not, in and of itself, affect the validity of any act, transaction, agreement, instrument, resolution or other thing.

## Resolution in writing

A resolution in writing may consist of substantially similar documents.
7.33.1 Each document must be signed by at least one Member.
7.33.2 If the resolution in writing consists of substantially similar documents, it takes effect on the latest date on which a Member signs one of the documents.
7.33.3 Alternatively, such a resolution may consist of each Member affirming by mechanical or electronic means that they approve the proposed resolution. A document produced by mechanical or electronic means that purports to be from a Member or the Member's representative, proxy or attorney is considered a document in writing signed by the Member and is deemed to be signed when received in readable form.
7.33.4 A document generated by mechanical or electronic means which purports to be:
(a) a copy of a resolution of Members is to be treated as a resolution in writing; and
(b) a copy of a signature is to be treated as signed by the Member whose signature appears to be on it.
7.33.5 If a resolution in writing is signed or approved by a proxy of a Member, it must not also be signed or approved by the appointing Member (and vice versa).

## 8 BALLOTS

## General rules regarding Ballots

8.1 Subject to the requirements of the law and this clause 8, the Board may submit any question or proposed resolution (including the proposed election of any Director) to the vote of Members by means of a Ballot.
8.2 A resolution of Members decided by Ballot is as valid and effective as if the resolution had been passed at a duly convened and constituted general meeting of the Company.
8.3 Subject always to the requirements of the law, where the Corporations Act or this constitution provides that the relevant resolution may only be passed as a special resolution:
8.3.1 The Ballot paper and any relevant background material that accompanies it when it is sent to Members must set out an intention to propose the special resolution and state the resolution.
8.3.2 The resolution must be passed by at least $75 \%$ of the votes cast by Members entitled to vote on the resolution.
8.4 Subject always to the requirements of the law and clause 8.3, a Ballot may be conducted in any manner that the Board may in its absolute discretion determine from time to time, subject always to the following requirements:
8.4.1 The Ballot must be a secret ballot, and the Board must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the manner in which the Ballot is taken will preserve its secrecy.
8.4.2 A Ballot may be conducted by post or by facsimile or other electronic means, as the Board may determine in its absolute discretion from time to time.
8.4.3 A Ballot must not be combined with any other method of voting provided for in this constitution (for example, voting at a general meeting of Members).
8.4.4 Every Ballot must be conducted by a returning officer appointed by the Board.
(a) The returning officer may be any type of person or entity, but must not be a Director (or, if clause 8.6 applies, a person who is seeking election as a Director under the relevant Ballot).
(b) If the Board does not appoint a returning officer, or if the person appointed by the Board cannot or will not act, a Secretary must act as returning officer.
8.4.5 Only votes that are received by the applicable returning officer on before 5.00 pm on the Polling Date will be counted. All votes received after that time will be invalid and must be disregarded.
8.4.6 Without limiting clause 8.3, the proposed resolution or other question submitted to Members by means of a Ballot will be determined by a simple majority according to the number of valid votes cast for or against the resolution or question. If there is an equality of votes, the Chair does not have a second or casting vote in addition to any votes he or she may have as a representative, proxy or attorney of a Member (without limiting clause 9.3), and the proposed resolution is therefore lost.
8.4.7 No resolution or other question determined by Ballot is invalid merely because there has been an accidental omission to give the Ballot paper or other relevant material to a Member, or a Member has not received those documents.
8.4.8 An objection to the qualification of a Member to vote in a particular Ballot must be referred to the Chair no later than five business days prior to the relevant Polling Date. The Chair's decision on the objection is final. A vote not disallowed according to an objection as provided for in this clause 8.4.8 is valid for all purposes.

For the avoidance of doubt, subject to the requirements set out in this clause 8 the Board may in its absolute discretion determine:
8.5.1 The form of the Ballot paper and the form and content of any material that is intended to accompany the Ballot paper.

### 8.5.2 The Polling Date.

8.5.3 The manner in which objections regarding the conduct or outcome of a Ballot must be raised, and the manner in which any such disputes will be resolved.
8.5.4 All other matters relevant to the form, conduct and outcome of the Ballot.

## Election of Directors conducted by Ballot

8.6 Where the election of Directors is to occur by means of a Ballot (as opposed to where the election of Directors is to occur by means of a show of hands or other method of voting approved by the chairperson under clause 7.16, or poll, at the relevant AGM), the following rules apply in addition to the general rules set out in clauses 8.1 to 8.5 :
8.6.1 The requirements of clause 11.17.2 apply for all nominations for the position of Director to be voted upon by Members by means of a Ballot.
8.6.2 The requirements of clauses 11.17.3 and 11.17.4 apply to Director elections conducted by means of a Ballot.
8.6.3 Where the relevant Board positions will fall vacant at the close of the next AGM:
(a) The Polling Date must be a date that is not more than 40 business days, and not less than 10 business days, before the intended date for holding the AGM, with the intention that the outcome of the Ballot will be determined at least 5 business days before the intended date for holding the AGM.
(b) A Director (other than a retiring Director seeking re-election) who is elected by means of a Ballot will only commence to hold that office on and from the close of the relevant AGM, and not on and from the Polling Date or the date that the outcome of the Ballot is determined.
8.6.4 The Board must ensure that the Ballot paper to be sent to Members is prepared as follows:
(a) The Ballot paper may group the Approved Candidates according to the vacant Director positions and the applicable skills, competencies and/or experience (if any) that the Board has determined under clause 11.17.4(c) that an Approved Candidate must possess to be eligible to be elected to a specific vacant Director position. To avoid doubt, this may result in the Ballot paper identifying individual vacant Director positions and the particular Approved Candidates who are eligible to contest the relevant Director position, even if this means that only one Approved Candidate would be eligible to be elected to a particular Director position.
(b) Subject to clause 8.6.4(a), the Ballot paper may only contain the names of each of the Approved Candidates for election in descending alphabetical order by last name, along with the number of vacancies to be filled, and must enable each Member to specify the manner in which the Member votes on each proposed resolution. The Board may also cause the Ballot paper to be accompanied by an explanatory statement detailing any information the Board considers appropriate.
8.6.5 Elected Board positions will be determined by a 'first past the post' voting system such that Board positions are filled by candidates with the highest number of votes in descending order. However, if two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes under the Ballot, the returning officer will determine their respective rankings for the purposes of the election by lot.
8.6.6 To avoid doubt, where the number of Approved Candidates for the position of Director is equal to or less than the number of vacant positions to be filled in a Ballot, none of those Approved Candidates will be deemed to be elected and a Ballot must be conducted.

## REPRESENTATIVES, PROXIES AND ATTORNEYS

## Representatives, proxies and attorneys of Members

9.1 At meetings of Members each Member entitled to vote may vote by representative, proxy or by attorney to the extent permitted under clauses 7.24 and 7.25 .
9.2 Subject to the terms of their appointment, a person attending as a proxy, or as the attorney of a Member, or as a representative of a Member appointed in accordance with this Constitution, has all the powers of a Member, except where expressly stated to the contrary.
9.3 Where a vote is conducted by Ballot, a Member may only vote by representative, unless the Board in its absolute discretion approves in writing some other method of voting.

## Appointment and removal of representatives

A Member which is a corporation may from time to time appoint a natural person as its sole representative in any matters connected with the Company, including as permitted by the Corporations Act.
9.4.1 A Member may appoint, and remove, its representative for the time being by written notice to the Secretary in such form as the Board may prescribe from time to time.
9.4.2 A document executed by a Member in accordance with section 127 of the Corporations Act (where applicable to the Member) is rebuttable evidence of the appointment, or removal, of the named representative.
9.4.3 For the avoidance of doubt, a representative is entitled to exercise the powers of the Member which appointed him or her (in accordance with clause 9.2) and, where the Member is a Member, a representative present must be counted towards a quorum on the basis that the Member is to be considered personally present at the general meeting by its representative.

## Appointment of attorneys

9.5.3 Any other evidence the Company may request from time to time regarding the power of attorney, including evidence that the power of attorney is effective and remains in force.

## Appointment of proxies

A Member may appoint another person as their proxy to attend and vote instead of the Member. A proxy need not be a Member.
9.6.1 A document appointing a proxy must be in writing, in any form permitted by the Corporations Act and signed by the Member making the appointment.
9.6.2 A document appointing a proxy may specify the manner in which the proxy is to vote in respect of a particular resolution and, where the document so provides, the proxy is not entitled to vote on the resolution except as specified in the document.
9.6.3 Except as expressly provided by the document appointing a proxy, an appointment of a proxy confers authority to do all things that the Member can do in respect of a general meeting.

## Verification of proxies

9.7 Before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which a proxy proposes to vote, both of the following documents must be deposited with the Company:
9.7.1 The document appointing the proxy.
9.7.2 If the appointment is signed by the appointor's attorney, the authority under which the appointment was signed or a certified copy of that authority (even if previously provided to the Company in accordance with clause 9.5).
9.8 Those documents must be received at the Office, at a fax number at the Office or at another place, fax number or electronic address specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting not less than 24 hours before the time for holding the meeting.

If a general meeting has been adjourned, an appointment and any authority received by the Company at least 24 hours before the resumption of the meeting are effective for the resumed part of the meeting.

## Validity of proxies

9.10 A proxy document is invalid if it is not deposited or produced prior to a meeting or a vote being taken as required by this document.

## Revocation of appointment of proxy

9.11 A vote given in accordance with the terms of a proxy document or power of attorney is valid despite the occurrence of any one or more of the following events if no intimation in writing of any of those events has been received by the Company at the Office before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the document is used:
9.11.1 The previous death or unsoundness of mind of the principal.
9.11.2 The revocation of the instrument or of the authority under which the instrument was executed.

## Non-Member Stakeholders

10.1 The Board may create a register of Non-Member Stakeholders.
10.2 A Non-Member Stakeholder of the Company is a person who:
10.2.1 is not a Member;
10.2.2 has applied to become a Non-Member Stakeholder in accordance with any procedures or policies applicable to Non-Member Stakeholders as may be determined by the Board from time to time (including if applicable payment of any fee determined by the Board from time to time); and
10.2.3 who has been admitted by the Board as a Non-Member Stakeholder.
10.3 A Non-Member Stakeholder:
10.3.1 is not a Member of the Company and has none of the rights enjoyed by a Member under this document and the Corporations Act;
10.3.2 has the right to attend but not speak or vote at any general meeting of the Company;
10.3.3 may be granted access to certain sections of any website maintained by or on behalf of the Company that are not accessible to the general public;
10.3.4 may be invited to attend certain events hosted by the Company which are not open to the general public; and
10.3.5 has such other rights not inconsistent with this clause 10 as the Board may determine from time to time.
10.4 The Board may determine from time to time that Non-Member Stakeholders will be referred to by some other name or names, provided that any such name could not reasonably be misconstrued as representing that Non-Member Stakeholders are Members or otherwise enjoy the same rights as a company's members.

## Admission as a Non-Member Stakeholder

10.5 The Board must consider an application for admission as a Non-Member Stakeholder as soon as practicable after its receipt and determine, in its absolute discretion, the admission or rejection of the applicant as a Non-Member Stakeholder.
10.6 The Board does not have to give reasons for accepting or rejecting an application for admission as a Non-Member Stakeholder.
10.7 If an application for admission as a Non-Member Stakeholder is rejected, the Secretary must notify the applicant in writing of that fact within a reasonable period.
10.8 If an applicant is admitted as a Non-Member Stakeholder the Secretary, must notify the applicant of that fact in writing in such form as the Board may determine from time to time and the name and details of the applicant must be entered in a register of NonMember Stakeholders maintained for this purpose.

## Removal

10.9 The Board may in its absolute discretion determine that a person ceases to be a NonMember Stakeholder. The Board does not need to provide its reasons for doing so.

## Structure of the Board

11.1 The Company will be governed by a skills-based board that will consist of Directors having appropriate competencies, skills and experience in light of the Skills Matrix (if any).
11.1.1 The Board must send a copy of the current Skills Matrix (if any) to a Member within 10 business days' of written request by the Member.

## Qualifications of Directors

11.2 A Director need not be employed by or otherwise associated with a Member of the Company.
11.3 Any recommendation expressed by the Nominations Committee regarding an individual's suitability for election or appointment as a Director will be taken into account by the Board and the Members (as applicable) but is advisory only and is not binding on the Board or the Members.

## Number of Directors

11.4 The number of Directors must not be less than three nor more than nine, unless and until otherwise determined in accordance with this constitution.
11.4.1 There will be a preference for between seven and nine Directors holding office at any time, where practicable.
11.5 The Members in general meeting may, by ordinary resolution, increase or reduce the number of Directors and may also determine in what rotation the increased or reduced number of Directors will vacate their offices.

## Director categories

11.6 Subject to the other provisions of this clause 11, each Initial Director and each subsequent Director upon election or appointment (as the case may be), must be assigned a 'Director category', being either 'Category A', 'Category B' or 'Category C', for the purposes of determining the Director's indicative term of office and the manner in which Directors will retire by rotation, as follows:

| Director category | Initial term of office | Subsequent term of office |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Category A | Until the close of the First <br> AGM | Until the close of the Company's <br> Fourth AGM or each successive third <br> AGM thereafter (as applicable) |
| Example: If the First AGM is held in 2012, |  |  |
| a 'Category A' Director's term of office will |  |  |
| end at the close of the First AGM and |  |  |
| thereafter at the close of the AGM held in |  |  |
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| Director category | Initial term of office | Subsequent term of office |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Category B | Until the close of the Second AGM | Until the close of the Fifth AGM or each successive third AGM thereafter (as applicable) <br> Example: If the first AGM is held in 2012, a 'Category B' Director's term of office will end at the close of the AGM held in 2013, 2016, 2019 and so on (as applicable). |
| Category C | Until the close of the Third AGM | Until the close of the Sixth AGM or each successive third AGM thereafter (as applicable) <br> Example: If the first AGM is held in 2012, a 'Category C' Director's term of office will end at the close of the AGM held in 2014, 2017, 2020 and so on (as applicable). |
|  | Note: The above terms of office: <br> - apply only with respect to the Initial Directors and each Initial Appointed Director (if any); and <br> - are indicative only and are subject to the other provisions of this clause 11. | Note: The above terms of office: <br> - apply with respect to subsequent term of office (if any) of the Initial Directors and each Initial Appointed Director (if any); <br> - apply with respect to any term of office of any subsequent Directors; and <br> - are indicative only and are subject to the other provisions of this clause 11. |

## Initial Directors and Initial Appointed Directors

11.7 The Initial Directors and each Initial Appointed Director (if any) must be assigned Director categories as follows, and otherwise in accordance with clause 11.8:

| Director category | Elected or appointed | Initial term of office |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Category A | Elected | Until the close of the First AGM |
| Category A | Elected | Until the close of the First AGM |
| Category A | Appointed | Until the close of the First AGM |
| Category B | Elected | Until the close of the Second AGM |
| Category B | Elected | Until the close of the Second AGM |
| Category B | Appointed | Until the close of the Second AGM |
| Category C | Elected | Until the close of the Third AGM |


| Director category | Elected or appointed | Initial term of office |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Category C | Elected | Until the close of the Third AGM |
| Category C | Unpointed |  |
| Note: an 'elected' Director is a Director who is elected <br> by the members in general meeting in accordance with <br> clause 11.17, whereas an 'appointed' Director is a | Note: the above terms of office are indicative <br> only and are subject to the other provisions <br> of this clause 11 |  |
| Director appointed by the Board in accordance with <br> clause 11.19. The Initial Directors and each Initial |  |  |
| Appointed Director (if any) are deemed to be 'elected <br> Directors' or 'appointed Directors' for the purposes of <br> this clause 11, as set out above. |  |  |

11.8 The Director categories must also be assigned in accordance with the following principles, subject always to the requirements set out in clause 11.7:
11.8.1 Initial Directors: If the Initial Directors cannot agree on the assignment of Director categories amongst themselves, the categories must be assigned by lot.
11.8.2 Initial Appointed Directors: If there are less than nine Initial Directors, each Initial Appointed Director (if any) must be assigned a Director category such that when the Board first comprises nine Directors after the date this constitution is adopted, there will be three Directors assigned to the 'Category A' Director category, three Directors assigned to the 'Category B' Director category and three Directors assigned to the 'Category C' Director category. If the Initial Directors cannot agree on the assignment of Director categories to the Initial Appointed Directors amongst themselves, the categories must be assigned by lot. Each Initial Appointed Director will be 'appointed' for the purposes of the above table.

## Subsequent Directors

11.9 Subject to clause 11.10, each subsequent Director who is elected or appointed (as the case may be) will be assigned the Director category that applies to the Director whom he or she is replacing, if applicable. Otherwise, the Director category to be assigned to the Director will be determined by the Board with reference to the following principles:
11.9.1 Wherever possible there should be an identical number of Directors assigned to each Director category holding office.
11.9.2 Where this cannot be achieved (because the number of Directors for the time being is not evenly divisible by three) the Director category must be assigned as follows:
(a) Where one Director category has fewer Directors assigned to it than the other Director categories, that Director category.
11.10 A Director who is re-elected or re-appointed (as the case may be) will retain his or her existing Director category.

## Election and appointment of Directors

11.11 Without limiting the Members' rights under clause 11.23 or the Corporations Act, Directors will either be:
11.11.1 elected by the Members in general meeting in accordance with clause 11.17; or
11.11.2 appointed by the Board (or the sole Director) in accordance with clause 11.19 or clause 11.20,
with the number of Directors to be elected, and appointed, in any given year to be determined as follows:

|  | Number of Directors | Applicable Director categories |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Number of Directors <br> elected, and <br> applicable Director <br> categories | Up to six elected <br> Directors | - Two Category A <br> - Two Category B |
| Number of Directors <br> appointed, and <br> applicable Director <br> categories | Up to three appointed <br> Directors | - One Category A |

Note: the Initial Directors and each Initial Appointed Director (if any) are deemed to be 'elected Directors' or 'appointed Directors' for the purposes of the above table, as determined in accordance with clause 11.7 .

## Term of office

11.12 Subject to the other terms of this constitution, a Director will hold office for a maximum period ending at the close of the relevant AGM of the Company determined in accordance with the table set out in clause 11.6 for that Director category.
11.13 A retiring Director is eligible for re-election or re-appointment, save that a Director will be ineligible for re-election or re-appointment after holding office for three consecutive terms of a maximum of approximately three years each in accordance with the table set out in clause 11.6. For the avoidance of doubt:
11.13.1 Each Initial Director and each Initial Appointed Director (if any) is eligible to be re-elected (or re-appointed) for only two additional consecutive terms of a maximum of approximately three years each as a Director immediately following the Director's initial term of office, even if the Director's initial term of office is less than three years.
11.13.2 Clause 11.13 does not prevent a former Director from subsequently being elected or appointed as a Director in accordance with this constitution, provided that a period of at least 23 consecutive calendar months has passed since the person last held the office of Director.

## Retirement of Directors

11.14 At the First AGM and at each AGM of the Company thereafter, the Directors who must retire from office are all of the Directors for the time being that are assigned the applicable Director category (namely, 'Category A', 'Category B' or 'Category C'), as determined in accordance with the table set out in clause 11.6.
11.15 A Director retiring at an AGM may act as a director until the conclusion of that meeting and is eligible for re-election or re-appointment to the extent permitted by law and this constitution.
11.16 A Director may retire from office by giving notice in writing to the Company of that Director's intention to retire. A notice of resignation takes effect at the time which is the later of the time of giving the notice to the Company and the expiration of the period, if any, specified in the notice.

## Election of Directors

11.17 At the First AGM and at each AGM thereafter, the Members may elect a number of Directors equal to or less than the number determined in accordance with clauses 11.6 and 11.11 from the nominations, as follows:
11.17.1 The Board may determine each of the following matters, and does not have to give reasons for making any such determination:
(a) whether the election of Directors will be conducted by Ballot or by voting at the relevant AGM, in the Board's absolute discretion; and
(b) the applicable skills, competencies and/or experience (if any) that a candidate nominated for election must possess to be eligible to be elected to a specific vacant Director position, having reference to the Skills Matrix (if any) and the current composition of the Board but otherwise in the Board's absolute discretion.
11.17.2 Nominations for the position of Director to be voted upon by Members may be submitted by a Member or a Director (whether or not the Director is due to retire from office at the close of the relevant AGM). Any such nomination must:
(a) be in writing and signed by the proposer and (if not the same as the proposer) the nominee for election;
(b) be accompanied by a consent to act as a Director signed by the nominee for election, as required under the Corporations Act; and
(c) be submitted to the Board and received by the Board by no later than 40 business days prior to the Polling Date (if the election is to be conducted by Ballot in accordance with clause 8 ) or by no later than 40 business days prior to the date of the AGM (if the election to be conducted at the AGM).
11.17.3 A nomination may be withdrawn by the relevant nominee for election or the relevant proposing Member or Director as follows:
(a) If the election is to be conducted at the AGM, the nomination may be withdrawn at any time prior to the relevant AGM by giving written notice to the Secretary, with a copy to the Board.
(b) If the election is to be conducted by Ballot in accordance with clause 8 , the nomination may be withdrawn at any time prior to the Polling Date by giving written notice to the Secretary, with a copy to the Board.
11.17.4 The following rules apply to Director elections, whether conducted by Ballot in accordance with clause 8 or conducted at the relevant AGM:
(a) The Nominations Committee will review all nominations for the position of Director and provide advice to the Board in accordance with the Nominations Committee Charter.
(b) The Board must only consider nominations for the position of Director that satisfy all of the requirements set out in clause 11.17.2 (Valid Nominations). The Board must reject all nominations that are not Valid Nominations. The Board does not have to give reasons for determining that a particular nomination is or is not a Valid Nomination.
(c) The Board may, having reference to the Skills Matrix, the current composition of the Board and any determination made by the Board under clause 11.17.1(b) but otherwise in the Board's absolute discretion, determine which of the Valid Nominations will be Approved Candidates, and which (if any) will be rejected and hence not submitted to Members. The Board may also determine, with respect to one or more vacant Director positions, the applicable skills, competencies and/or experience (if any) that an Approved Candidate must possess to be eligible to be elected to a specific vacant Director position, and the Approved Candidates who are eligible to be elected to that vacant Director position. The Board does not have to give reasons for approving or rejecting any Valid Nominations or for making any determination under this clause 11.17.4(c), and its decision is final and cannot be overridden by any person.
(d)

The Board must provide notice of the Approved Candidates, and (if applicable) identify the Approved Candidates who are eligible to be elected to specific vacant Director positions, to all Members in accordance with this constitution by no later than 20 business days prior to the Polling Date (if the election is to be conducted by Ballot in accordance with clause 8 ) or by no later than 20 business days prior to the date of the AGM (if the election to be conducted at the AGM).
(e) The election of Directors must be conducted (as applicable) by means of a Ballot in accordance with clause 8 or by means of a show of hands (or other method of voting approved by the chairperson under clause 7.16) or poll at the relevant AGM in accordance with the Corporations Act and this constitution (including clauses 11.17.5 and 11.17.6). This applies even where the number of Approved Candidates for the position of Director is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled.
11.17.5 Where the election of Directors is to occur by means of a show of hands (or other method of voting approved by the chairperson under clause 7.16 ) or poll at the relevant AGM, a list shall be prepared as follows:
(a) The list may group the Approved Candidates according to the vacant Director positions and the applicable skills, competencies and/or experience (if any) that the Board has determined under clause 11.17.4(c) that an Approved Candidate must possess to be eligible to be elected to a specific vacant Director position. To avoid doubt, this may result in the list identifying individual vacant Director positions and the particular Approved Candidates who are eligible to context the relevant Director position, even if this means that only one Approved Candidate would be eligible to be elected to a particular Director position.
(b) Subject to clause $11.17 .5(\mathrm{a})$, the list may only contain the names of each of the Approved Candidates, in alphabetical order along with the number of vacancies to be filled, and each Member present and voting at the AGM shall be entitled to vote for any number of such Approved Candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies. In the event of an equal vote for two or more candidates, the returning officer will determine the respective rankings for the purposes of the election by lot.
11.17.6 Where there is not a sufficient number of Approved Candidates or the Members do not otherwise elect a sufficient number of Directors under that election process, the relevant Director position not filled shall remain vacant until that vacancy is filled in accordance with this clause 11.17 or clause 8.6 at the next AGM, or filled by the Directors in accordance with clause 11.20.
11.18 A Director elected by the Members must be assigned a Director category in accordance with clauses 11.9 and 11.10 and will hold office for a maximum period determined in accordance with the table set out in clause 11.6.

## Appointment of Directors and casual vacancies

11.19 The Board, or if there is only one Director, that Director, may at any time appoint a person to be a Director who is assigned an 'appointed' Director position (being either 'Category A', 'Category B' or 'Category C' as applicable, in accordance with the table set out in clause 11.11),, and will hold office for a maximum period determined in accordance with the table set out in clause 11.6.
11.20 The Board, or if there is only one Director, that Director, may at any time appoint a person to be a Director who is assigned an 'elected' Director position (being either 'Category A', 'Category B' or 'Category C' as applicable, in accordance with the table set out in clause 11.11), provided that:
11.20.1 the relevant Director position has never previously been assigned to a Director;
11.20.2 the Director position has been left vacant following an AGM in accordance with clause 11.17.6; or
11.20.3 a casual vacancy has arisen in respect of that Director position.
11.21 A Director appointed by the Board under clause 11.20 will hold office for a maximum period determined in accordance with the table set out in clause 11.6.
11.22 For the avoidance of doubt, the relevant Director or the Board is not obliged to liaise with the Nominations Committee either before or after exercising its power of appointment under clause 11.19 or clause 11.23 .

## Removal from office

11.23 The Members in general meeting may by ordinary resolution remove a Director from office before the expiration of his or her maximum term of office (as set out in the table in clause 11.6) by following the process set out in section 203D Corporations Act and may by ordinary resolution appoint another person as a replacement. The replacement Director will be assigned a Director category in accordance with clause 11.9 and will hold office for a maximum period determined in accordance with the table set out in clause 11.6.
11.24 For the avoidance of doubt, the Members are not obliged to liaise with the Nominations Committee either before or after exercising powers of removal or appointment under clause 11.23.

## Vacation of office

11.25 In addition to the circumstances in which the office of a Director becomes vacant by virtue of the Corporations Act or another provision of this constitution, the office of Director immediately becomes vacant if any of the following occurs:
11.25.1 The Director becomes an insolvent under administration.
11.25.2 The Director 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.
11.25.3 The Director is absent from at least two consecutive Board meetings, or at least four Board meetings over a consecutive period of 12 months, without the prior written consent of the Board.
11.25.4 The Director becomes prohibited from being a director by reason of an order made under the Corporations Act or the Director is removed from any office under the ACNC Act.

## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

## Determination of fees

12.1 The Directors must be paid by way of fees for their services, with the amounts, if any, determined from time to time by the Members in general meeting.
12.2 Directors' fees accrue from day to day.

## Additional services rendered

12.3 A Director may be paid a fee, salary or hourly rate in return for any extra services actually rendered to the Company in a professional or technical capacity (other than within his or her ordinary duties as a Director), provided that:
12.3.1 the Board has given its prior written approval to both the provision of the services and the proposed fee, salary or hourly rate; and; and
12.3.2 the amount payable does not exceed a commercially reasonable amount.

## Payment for expenses

12.4 Each Director must be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses reasonably and properly incurred by the Director in connection with Company business (including travel and accommodation expenses). Alternatively, the Company may pay such amounts on the Director's behalf.

POWERS OF THE BOARD
13.1 The Board may exercise all those powers of the Company as are not, by the Corporations Act or by this constitution, required to be exercised by the Members in general meeting or otherwise.

## Convening of Board meetings

14.1 A Director may at any time, and a Secretary must on the requisition of a Director, convene a Board meeting.

## Notice of Board meetings

14.2 The person convening a Board meeting must ensure that notice of the Board meeting is given to each Director at least 24 hours before the meeting or at another time determined by Board resolution, except:
14.2.1 All Directors may waive in writing the required period of notice for a particular meeting.
14.2.2 It is not necessary to give a notice of a meeting of Directors to a Director who is out of Australia or who has been given leave of absence by the Board.

## Mode of meeting for Directors

14.3 A Board meeting may be called or held using any technology consented to by all the Directors. The consent may be a standing one, provided that all Directors give or renew that consent promptly after a new Director joins the Board. A Director may only withdraw their consent within a reasonable period before the meeting. The Board may otherwise regulate its meetings as they think fit.

## Quorum at Board meetings

14.4 At a Board meeting, the number of Directors whose presence is necessary to constitute a quorum is equal to one half of the number of Directors holding office at the time plus one (rounded up to the next highest whole number) or another number determined by Board resolution from time to time.
14.5 If the number of Directors is reduced below the number necessary for a quorum of Directors, the continuing Director or Directors may act only to:
14.5.1 appoint additional Directors in accordance with clause 11 to the number necessary for a quorum in accordance with clause 14.4; or
14.5.2 convene a general meeting of the Company.

## Voting at Board meetings

14.6 The Board must determine any questions arising at a Board meeting by a majority of votes of Directors present and voting.

## Appointment of Chair

14.7 The Board may elect a Director as Chair to chair Board meetings, and may determine the period for which the Chair will hold office.
14.8 If no Chair is elected, or if at any meeting the Chair is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting or is unwilling to act, the Directors present must choose one of their number to chair that meeting.

## Chairperson's vote at Board meetings

14.9 In the case of an equality of votes at a Board meeting, the Chair (or other Director chairing the meeting in accordance with clause 14.8) has a second or casting vote at Board meetings.

## Participation where Directors interested

14.10 A Director may be present and may vote on a matter before the Board if and to the extent that they are permitted to do so under the Corporations Act.
14.11 If there are not enough Directors to form a quorum as a result of a Director having an interest which disqualifies them from voting then one or more of the Directors (including those who have the disqualifying interest in the matter) may call a general meeting of the Company and the general meeting may pass a resolution to deal with the matter.
14.12 Subject to compliance with the Corporations Act, a Director may execute or participate in the execution of a document by or on behalf of the Company.

## No disqualification

14.13 Subject to compliance with the Corporations Act, a Director or any entity in which the Director has a direct or indirect interest (as applicable) may:
14.13.1 Enter into a contract or arrangement with an Associated Party.
14.13.2 Hold any office or place of profit (other than auditor) in an Associated Party.
14.13.3 Act in a professional capacity (or be a member of a firm that so acts) other than as auditor of an Associated Party.
14.14 Despite the fiduciary nature of a Director's office and the Director's fiduciary obligations:
14.14.1 Any contract or arrangement entered into in accordance with clause 14.13 .1 by the Director or any entity in which the Director has a direct or indirect interest is not invalid or voidable
14.14.2 A Director may do any of the things specified in clause 14.13 without any liability to account to the Company or any other person for any direct or indirect benefit accruing to the Director or any entity in which the Director has a direct or indirect interest.

## Exercise of rights

14.15 If the Company holds or owns membership, shares or other interests in another body corporate, trust or other entity, the Board may exercise any and all voting rights conferred by the membership, shares or interests in any manner the Board considers fit.

## Delegation of powers

14.16 The Board may delegate any of its powers to any person, as the Board sees fit. This includes delegating any of the Board's powers to committees consisting of Directors or other persons (as the Board sees fit). The Board may at any time revoke any delegation of power.
14.17 An authorised delegate's exercise of a power in accordance with this constitution is to be treated as the exercise of that power by the Board.
14.18 A delegate must conform to the directions of the Board in the exercise of any powers delegated to the delegate.

## Board committees

14.19 The Board may in its absolute discretion establish one or more committees to provide advice and recommendations to the Board on specified matters (among any other functions determined by the Board, which may but need not include the exercise of power delegated by the Board in accordance with clause 14.16).
14.20 The Board may, with respect to a committee:
14.20.1 Specify in writing from time to time the terms of reference and functions of the committee.
14.20.2 Appoint such persons as the Board considers appropriate to the committee (including, if thought fit, one or more Directors), and remove any such person from the committee at any time by written notice or otherwise in accordance with the terms of reference of that committee.
14.20.3 Specify the period and conditions (including as to remuneration, if any) of any such appointment to the committee.
14.20.4 Dissolve the committee at any time.

## Nominations Committee

14.21 The Board may establish a Nominations Committee as a committee of the Board, to provide advice and recommendations to the Board and/or the Members on specified matters (among any other functions and/or powers determined by the Board from time to time, not being inconsistent with this clause 14).
14.22 The Board may, from time to time, in its absolute discretion, amend or replace the Nominations Committee Charter or dissolve the Nominations Committee.
14.23 The composition of the Nominations Committee will be determined by the Board in accordance with the Nominations Committee Charter, and accordingly the Board may, in its absolute discretion, determine from time to time whether Members will be entitled to appoint any members of the Nominations Committee.
14.24 The Board may from time to time, in its absolute discretion, determine whether or not the Nominations Committee will exercise any delegated authority in accordance with clause 14.16.
14.25 All references to the Nominations Committee in this constitution (other than in this clause 14 and clause 22.1) will be of no force or effect:
14.25.1 Until such time as the Board has established the Nominations Committee in accordance with clause 14.21.
14.25.2 If the Nominations Committee has been dissolved.

## Proceedings of committees

14.26 Except as provided in this constitution or in a direction of the Board (including if applicable the terms of reference of the relevant committee), the meetings and proceedings of a committee formed by the Directors and/or other persons must be governed by the provisions of this constitution, in so far as they are applicable, as if meetings and proceedings of the committee are meetings and proceedings of the Board.

## Validity of acts of Directors etc

14.27 All acts done by a Board meeting or of a committee of (or including) Directors or by a person acting as a Director are valid even if it is later discovered that there is a defect in the appointment of a person to be a Director or a member of the committee or that they or any of them were disqualified or were not entitled to vote.

## Minutes

14.28 The Board must cause minutes of all proceedings of general meetings, of Board meetings and of subcommittees formed by the Directors to be entered, within one month after the relevant meeting is held, in books kept for the purpose.
14.29 The Board must cause all minutes, except resolutions in writing treated as determinations of the Board, to be signed by the chairperson of the meeting at which the proceedings took place or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.

## Resolution in writing

14.30 A resolution in writing signed or consented to by all Directors (excluding any Director who has requested and been given leave of absence by the Board, any Director who disqualifies himself or herself from considering that resolution and any Director who would be prohibited from voting on that resolution under the Corporations Act) is to be treated as a determination of the Board passed at a Board meeting duly convened and held. The resolution is not invalidated if it is also consented to by a Director who is not entitled to vote.
14.30.1 A resolution in writing may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more Directors and if so signed it takes effect on the latest date on which a Director signs one of the documents.
14.30.2 Alternatively, a resolution in writing may consist of each Director affirming by mechanical or electronic means that the Director approves the proposed resolution, and a document produced by mechanical or electronic means that purports to be from a Director is considered a document in writing signed by the Director and is deemed to be signed when received in readable form.
14.30.3 A document generated by mechanical or electronic means which purports to be:
(a) a copy of a resolution of Directors is to be treated as a resolution in writing; and
(b) a copy of a signature is to be treated as signed by the Director whose signature appears to be on it.
15.1 The Board may appoint one or more Secretaries and may at any time terminate the appointment or appointments.
15.2 The Board may determine the terms and conditions of appointment of a Secretary, including remuneration. Any one of the Secretaries may carry out any act or deed required by this constitution, the Corporations Act or by any other statute to be carried out by the secretary of the Company.

## Indemnity

16.1 Every officer and past officer of the Company may be indemnified by the Company, to the fullest extent permitted by law, against a liability incurred by that person as an officer of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, including legal costs and expenses incurred in defending an action. To avoid doubt, the ways in which the Company may do so include by entering into an 'Indemnity, Insurance and Access Deed' (or similar contract) from time to time with one or more officers or past officers of the Company.

## Insurance premiums

16.2 The Company may pay the premium on a contract insuring a person who is or has been an officer of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by law. To avoid doubt, the ways in which the Company may do so include by entering into an 'Indemnity, Insurance and Access Deed' (or similar contract) from time to time with one or more officers or past officers of the Company.

## Custody of Seal

17.1 If the Company has one, the Board must provide for the safe custody of the Seal.

## Execution of documents

17.2 The Company may execute a document in any manner permitted by the Corporations Act or at general law.

## Official seals

17.3 The Company may have for use in place of the Seal outside the jurisdiction where the Seal is kept one or more official seals, to be used in accordance with procedures approved by the Board.

## GIFT FUND REQUIREMENTS

## Company to maintain a Gift Fund

18.1 If the Company wishes to be a deductible gift recipient within the meaning of the ITAA97 and to the extent required by law, the Company must maintain at least one Gift Fund in accordance with this clause 18.

## Rules applying to the Gift Fund

18.2 The following rules apply to any Gift Fund established and maintained by the Company:
18.2.1 The Gift Fund must have a name.
18.2.2 The Company must maintain sufficient documents to provide evidence of the Gift Fund's purpose and operations.
18.2.3 The Company must maintain a separate bank account for the Gift Fund.
18.2.4 The following must be credited to the Gift Fund:
(a) All gifts of money or property to the Company for the Principal Purpose.
(b) All money or property received by the Company because of those gifts.
18.2.5 No other money or property may be credited to the Gift Fund.
18.2.6 The Company must use any gifts, money or property of the kind referred to in clause 18.2.4 only for the Principal Purpose.

## Winding up of Gift Fund

18.3 Despite clause 19, if the Company wishes to wind up a Gift Fund or the Company's deductible gift recipient endorsement is revoked (whether or not the company is to be wound up), any surplus from the Gift Fund must be transferred to one or more charities determined by the Board:
18.3.1 with charitable purpose(s) similar to, or inclusive of, the object in clause 2 ;
18.3.2 which also prohibit the distribution of any surplus assets to its members to at least the same extent as the Company; and
18.3.3 that is or are deductible gift recipients within the meaning of the ITAA97..
18.4 To avoid doubt, if a Gift Fund operated by the Company is wound up but the Company remains endorsed as a deductible gift recipient and operates any other gift fund in accordance with this clause 18, any surplus Gift Fund that is being wound up may be transferred to any other charitable gift fund operated by the Company.

## SURPLUS ASSETS ON WINDING UP OR DISSOLUTION

19.1 If the Company is wound up, any surplus property must not be distributed to a Member or a former Member unless it is a charity described in clause 19.2.
19.2 Subject always to clause 18.3, any court order, the Corporations Act and any other applicable law, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Company any surplus property that remains after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities must be distributed to one or more charities:
19.2.1 with charitable purposes similar to, or inclusive of, the object in clause 2 ;
19.2.2 which also prohibit the distribution of any surplus assets to its members to at least the same extent as the Company;
19.2.3 that is or are 'deductible gift recipients' within the meaning of ITAA 97; and
19.2.4 as determined by ordinary resolution of the Members in general meeting at or before the time of winding up or dissolution of the Company and, in default of any such determination, by the Supreme Court of the State or Territory in which the Office is located.

## ACCOUNTS, AUDIT AND RECORDS

## Accounts

20.1 The Board must cause proper accounting and other records to be kept in accordance with the ACNC Act or as otherwise required by law.

## Reports

20.2 To the extent required by the ACNC Act or as otherwise required by law, the Board must cause the Company to:

### 20.2.1 prepare financial reports;

20.2.2 prepare directors' reports;
20.2.3 notify each Member of the Member's right to receive reports from the Company; and
20.2.4 provide Members with reports, in a form and within such timeframe, as required by the ACNC Act or otherwise required by law.

## Audit

20.3 A registered company auditor must be appointed. The remuneration of the auditor must be fixed and the auditor's duties regulated in accordance with the ACNC Act or as otherwise required by law.

## Rights of inspection

## Subject to the law:

20.4.1 The Board may determine whether and to what extent, and at what times and places and under what conditions, the records and other documents of the Company or any of them are open to the inspection of Members, and a Member does not have the right to inspect any document of the Company except as provided by law or authorised by the Board or by the Company in general meeting.
20.4.2 Despite clause 20.4.1, the Board may refuse access to a record or other document where the Board (acting reasonably) considers that such access would or would be likely to cause the Company to lose the benefit of any form of evidentiary privilege, including legal professional privilege.

## NOTICES

## Persons authorised to give notices

21.1 A notice by either the Company or a Member in connection with this constitution may be given on behalf of the Company or Member by a solicitor, director, company secretary or other authorised officer of the Company or Member.
21.2 The signature of a person on a notice given by the Company may be written, printed or stamped.

## Method of giving notices

21.3 In addition to the method for giving notices permitted by statute, a notice by the Company or a Member in connection with this constitution may be given to the addressee by any of the following means:

### 21.3.1 By delivering it to a street address of the addressee.

21.3.2 By sending it by prepaid ordinary post (airmail if outside Australia) to a street or postal address of the addressee.
21.3.3 By sending it by email to the email address of the addressee.
21.4 Clause 21.3 does not limit a Member's right under the Corporations Act to make an election or ad hoc request regarding how such documents be sent to them.

## Addresses for giving notices to Members

21.5 The street address or postal address of a Member is the street or postal address of the Member shown in the Register.
21.6 The email address of a Member is the email address which the Member may specify by written notice to the Company as the email address to which notices may be sent to the Member.

## Address for giving notices to the Company

21.7 The street and postal address of the Company is the Office.
21.8 The email address of the Company is the email address which the Company may specify by written notice to the Members from time to time as the email address to which notices may be sent to the Company.

## Time notice of meeting is given

21.9 A notice of meeting given in accordance with this constitution is to be taken as given, served and received at the following times:
21.9.1 If delivered in writing to the street address of the addressee, at the time of delivery.
21.9.2 If it is sent by post to the street or postal address of the addressee, on the business day after posting.
21.9.3 If sent by email to the email address of the addressee, at the time transmission is completed.

## Time other notices are given

21.10 A notice given in accordance with this constitution is to be taken as given, served and received at the following times:
21.10.1 If delivered in writing to the street address of the addressee, at the time of delivery.
21.10.2 If it is sent by post to the street or postal address of the addressee, on the third (seventh if outside Australia) business day after posting.
21.10.3 If sent by email to the email address of the addressee, when the sender's email system generates a message confirming successful transmission of the entire notice or one hour after the time it is sent (as recorded by the sender's device) whichever occurs first, unless the sender receives an automated message that
the email has not been delivered or within eight hours after the transmission the recipient informs the sender that it has not received the entire notice.

## Proof of giving notices

21.11 A certificate in writing signed by a Director or a Secretary stating that a notice, document or other communication was sent to a Member by delivery, post or electronic transmission on a particular date is conclusive evidence that the notice, document or other communication was sent on that date.

## Persons entitled to notice of meeting

21.12 Notice of every general meeting must be given by a method authorised by this constitution to all of the following persons:

### 21.12.1 Every Member.

### 21.12.2 Every Director.

21.12.3 The auditor for the time being of the Company, if any.
21.13 No other person is entitled to receive notices of general meetings.

## DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

## Definitions

22.1 In this constitution the following definitions apply:

ACNC means the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

ACNC Act means the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and for the avoidance of doubt includes any 'governance standards' prescribed under any related regulations.

AGM means an annual general meeting of the Company.
Approved Candidate means a person whose candidacy for election as a Director has been approved by the Board in accordance with clause 11.17.4(c).

Associated Party means each of the following:
(a) The Company.
(b) Any Related Body Corporate of the Company.
(c) Any other body corporate, trust or entity promoted by the Company or in which the Company has an interest of any kind.

Ballot means Members voting on a proposed resolution or other question by means of a ballot conducted in accordance with clause 8.

Board means Directors acting as the board of the Company.
Chair means the Director elected under clause 14.7 to preside as chairperson at Board meetings for the time being.

Company means Wentworth Healthcare Limited ACN 155904975 which may trade as 'Nepean Blue Mountains PHN' or such other name as the Board may choose from time to time.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
Director means a person occupying the position of a director of the Company.
Fifth AGM means the fifth AGM of the Company, anticipated to be held during the 2016 calendar year.

First AGM means the first AGM of the Company, anticipated to be held during the 2012 calendar year.

Fourth AGM means the fourth AGM of the Company, anticipated to be held during the 2015 calendar year.

Gift Fund means a fund that is maintained for the Principal Purpose.
Initial Appointed Director means a Director appointed by the Board in accordance with clause 11.19 prior to the First AGM.

Initial Director means a Director who is identified in the application to register the Company as having consented to become a Director upon its incorporation.

Initial Member means a Member who was a Member at the time of the Company's registration.

Insolvency Event means, in relation to a Member, and subject to the Corporations Act in respect of a Member that is a company registered under the Corporations Act, anything that reasonably indicates that there is a significant risk that the Member is or will become unable to pay its debts as they fall due. This includes any of the following (as applicable):
(a) A meeting of the Member's creditors being called or held.
(b) A step being taken to wind the Member up.
(c) A step being taken to have a receiver, receiver and manager, administrator, liquidator or provisional liquidator appointed to the Member or any of its assets or such an appointment taking place.
(d) The Member entering into any type of agreement, composition or arrangement with, or assignment for, the benefit of all or any of its creditors.
(e) The Member ceases or threatens to cease to carry on its main business.

ITAA 97 means Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth).
Member means a person whose name is entered in the Register as a member of the Company.

Nominations Committee means a committee that may be established by the Board in accordance with clause 14.21.

Nominations Committee Charter means a document setting out the terms of reference of the Nominations Committee, as may be amended, revoked or replaced from time to time by the Board in accordance with clause 14.22.

Non-Member Stakeholder has the meaning given in clause 10.1.
Office means the registered office of the Company.
Organisation means a single legal person that is not a natural person. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes a company registered under the Corporations Act and an incorporated association or other body corporate established or registered under another Act of Parliament, but excludes a partnership, trust, unincorporated association, sole trader or other individual human being.

Polling Date means the date by which completed Ballot papers must be received by the applicable returning officer under the terms of the relevant Ballot, as determined in accordance with clause 8 .

Primary Health Care means:
(a) the entry point or first level of care to the health care system for individuals, the family and community; and
(b) a particular approach to care which is concerned with continuing care, accessibility, community involvement and collaboration between sectors.

Principal Purpose means the purposes of the Company as reflected in the object of the Company specified in clause 2 , or any of those purposes.

Region means the applicable geographic region in which the Company conducts its core activities, as may be determined by the Board from time to time. Broadly speaking, this is the Nepean Blue Mountains region in New South Wales covering the Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Lithgow and Penrith local government areas.

Register means the register of Members kept by the Company under the Corporations Act.

Registered Entity means an entity that is registered under the ACNC Act.
Related Body Corporate has the meaning given in the Corporations Act.
Seal means, if the Company has one, the common seal of the Company.

Second AGM means the second AGM of the Company, anticipated to be held during the 2013 calendar year.

Secretary means a person appointed to perform the duties of a secretary of the Company.
Sixth AGM means the sixth AGM of the Company, anticipated to be held during the 2017 calendar year.

Skills Matrix means the matrix of competencies, skills and/or experience or equivalent document (if any) adopted by the Board from time to time that specifies the desired range of competencies, skills and/or experience to be demonstrated by the Directors and the Board for the time being, taking into account the Company's needs and objectives and other relevant matters at the time.

Termination Event means:
(c) An Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Member.
(d) If a Member is a body corporate, the deregistration or other dissolution of that Member.

Third AGM means the third AGM of the Company, anticipated to be held during the 2014 calendar year.

Valid Nomination has the meaning set out in clause 11.17.4(b).

## Interpretation

22.2 In this constitution, unless the context otherwise requires:
22.2.1 A reference to any law or legislation or legislative provision includes any statutory modification, amendment or re-enactment, and any subordinate legislation or regulations issued under that legislation or legislative provision, in either case whether before, on or after the date of this constitution.
22.2.2 A reference to any agreement or document is to that agreement or document as amended, novated, supplemented or replaced from time to time.
22.2.3 A reference to a clause, part, schedule or attachment is a reference to a clause, part, schedule or attachment of or to this constitution (however, a schedule or attachment does not form part of this constitution).
22.2.4 Where a word or phrase is given a defined meaning another part of speech or other grammatical form in respect of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning.
22.2.5 A word which indicates the singular indicates the plural, a word which indicates the plural indicates the singular, and a reference to any gender indicates the other genders.
22.2.6 An expression importing a natural person includes any company, trust, partnership, joint venture, association, body corporate or public authority.
22.2.7 A reference to 'dollars' or '\$' means Australian dollars.
22.2.8 References to the word 'include' or 'including' are to be interpreted without limitation.
22.2.9 Headings are inserted for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this constitution.
22.2.10 A reference to a time of day means that time of day in the place where the Office is located.
22.2.11 A reference to a business day means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday on which banks are open for business generally in the place where the Office is located.
22.2.12 Where a period of time is specified and dates from a given day or the day of an act or event it must be calculated exclusive of that day.
22.2.13 A term of this constitution which has the effect of requiring anything to be done on or by a date which is not a business day must be interpreted as if it required it to be done on or by the next business day.
22.2.14 A reference to a Member's 'attorney' means a person (not being the Member's representative or proxy) empowered by the Member in a manner recognised by law to act on the Member's behalf.

## References to this constitution

22.3 A reference to this constitution, where amended, means this constitution as so amended.

## Replaceable rules

22.4 Each of the provisions of the Corporations Act which would but for this clause apply to the Company as a replaceable rule within the meaning of the Corporations Act are displaced and do not apply to the Company.

## Application of Corporations Act

22.5 Unless the context otherwise requires:
22.5.1 An expression used but not defined in this constitution has the same meaning given in the Corporations Act.
22.5.2 Where an expression referred to in clause 22.5.1 has more than one meaning in the Corporations Act and a provision of the Corporations Act deals with the same matter as the relevant clause of this constitution, the expression has the same meaning as in that provision.
22.6 Subject to clause 22.4, for so long as the Company is a Registered Entity the provisions in Part 2G. 2 and Part 2G. 3 of the Corporations Act about meetings, resolutions and minutes are incorporated into this constitution by reference as if they are repeated in full (excluding any provisions about offences and penalties). To the extent that the ACNC Act or any law or binding regulation of the ACNC applies to the Company and this conflicts with one or more provisions in Part 2G. 2 and Part 2G. 3 of the Corporations Act, the Company must comply with (as applicable) the ACNC Act or that law or binding regulation, save that it is expressly intended by the Members that the Company must hold an AGM at least once in each calendar year and within five months after the end of its financial year.
22.7 For so long as the Company is a Registered Entity, and to the extent required by law, the Company must meet the ACNC's 'Governance Standards'.
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