

Constitution

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Preliminary

1. Defined terms

1.1 In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:

Alternate Director means a person appointed as an alternate director under clause 39.1.

Auditor means the Company's auditor.

Australia includes its external Territories.

Charitable Collections Act means the *Charitable Collections Act 2003* (ACT) as amended from time to time and any replacement or additional legislation, and any other corresponding legislation in any other applicable State or Territory of Australia which regulates charitable collections or fundraising appeals.

Company means Rhodanthe Lipsett Indigenous Midwifery Trustee Limited ACN 153 483 964 (a company limited by guarantee).

Constitution means the constitution of the Company as amended from time to time.

Corporations Act means the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) as modified or amended from time to time and includes any regulations made under that Act and any exemption or modification to that Act applying to the Company.

Director includes any person occupying the position of director of the Company and, where appropriate, includes an Alternate Director.

Directors means all or some of the Directors acting as a board.

Member means a member under clause 7.

Register means the register of Members of the Company.

Representative means a person appointed by a Member to act as its representative under clause 26.

Rhodanthe Lipsett Indigenous Midwifery Charitable Fund means a trust fund to be established to provide assistance (whether financial or non-financial and whether in the form of grants, bursaries or otherwise), support and encouragement to disadvantaged and necessitous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to undertake studies for the purpose of becoming registered as, and practicing as, midwives, and thereby improving maternal and infant health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and any purposes ancillary thereto.

Seal means the Company's common seal (if any).

Secretary means any person appointed by the Directors to perform any of the duties of a secretary of the Company and if there are joint secretaries, any one or more of those joint secretaries.

Tax Act means the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth) as modified or amended from time to time and includes any regulations made under that Act and any rulings or requirements of the Commissioner of Taxation of the Commonwealth of Australia in relation to the Company or the Rhodanthe Lipsett Indigenous Midwifery Charitable Fund.

- 1.2 In this Constitution, except where the context otherwise requires, an expression in a clause of this Constitution has the same meaning as in the Corporations Act. Where the expression has more than one meaning in the Corporations Act and a provision of the Corporations Act deals with the same matter as a clause of this Constitution, that expression has the same meaning as in that provision.

2. Interpretation

- 2.1 In this Constitution, except where the context otherwise requires:
- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa, and a gender includes other genders;
 - (b) another grammatical form of a defined word or expression has a corresponding meaning;
 - (c) a reference to a clause, paragraph, schedule or annexure is to a clause or paragraph of, or schedule or annexure to, this Constitution, and a reference to this Constitution includes any schedule or annexure;
 - (d) a reference to a document or instrument includes the document or instrument as novated, altered, supplemented or replaced from time to time;
 - (e) a reference to **A\$, \$A, dollar** or **\$** is to Australian currency; and
 - (f) the meaning of general words is not limited by specific examples introduced by **including, for example** or similar expressions.
- 2.2 Headings are for ease of reference only and do not affect interpretation.
- 2.3 For the purposes of this Constitution, if the provisions of the Corporations Act and this Constitution conflict on the same matter, the provisions of the Corporations Act prevail.

3. Replaceable rules

To the extent permitted by law, the replaceable rules in the Corporations Act do not apply to the Company.

Objects

4. Objects

- 4.1 The Company is established to act as trustee of the Rhodanthe Lipsett Indigenous Midwifery Charitable Fund.
- 4.2 For the avoidance of doubt and for the purpose of section 150(1)(a) of the Corporations Act, it is confirmed that this Constitution requires the Company to pursue charitable purposes only and to apply its income in promoting those purposes.
- 4.3 The Company may only exercise the powers in section 124(1) of the Corporations Act to:
- (a) carry out the objects in this clause; and
 - (b) do all things incidental or convenient in relation to the exercise of power under clause 4.3(a).

Income and property of Company

5. Income and property of Company

- 5.1 The income and property of the Company will only be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Company set out in clause 4.
- 5.2 No income or property will be paid, distributed or transferred directly or indirectly to any Member of the Company except, subject to clause 38, for payments to a Member:
- (a) in return for any services actually rendered or goods supplied in the ordinary and usual course of business to the Company;
 - (b) in good faith, of reasonable remuneration as an employee of the Company;
 - (c) of interest at a rate not exceeding current bank overdraft rates of interest for moneys lent by the Member to the Company; or
 - (d) as reimbursement of expenses properly incurred by the Member on behalf of the Company.

6. Receipts

If the Company accepts a gift, contribution or donation of money or property, the Company must give the donor a receipt, and otherwise comply with all applicable laws in relation to any such gift, contribution or donation, including without limitation the provisions of section 30-228 of the Tax Act and the provisions of the Charitable Collections Act.

Membership

7. Admission

- 7.1 The number of Members with which the Company proposes to be registered is unlimited.
- 7.2 The Members of the Company are:
- (a) the persons who consented to become Members in the application for registration of the Company; and
 - (b) any other persons over the age of 18 years, corporations or organisations whom, or which, the Directors admit to membership in accordance with this Constitution,
- and whose membership has not ceased pursuant to clause 9.
- 7.3 Applications for membership of the Company:
- (a) may be made by any person over the age of 18 years, corporation or organisation who is interested in and capable of pursuing and supporting the objects of the Company; and
 - (b) must be in writing, signed by the applicant and in a form approved by, and containing the information required by, the Directors in their absolute discretion.
- 7.4 The Directors will consider each application for membership at the next meeting of Directors after the application is received. In considering an application for membership, the Directors may:
- (a) accept or reject the application; or

- (b) ask the applicant to give more evidence of eligibility for membership.
- 7.5 If the Directors ask for more evidence under clause 7.4, their determination of the application for membership is deferred until the evidence is given.
- 7.6 The Directors do not have to give any reason for rejecting an application for membership.
- 7.7 If the Directors have made a determination under clause 8.1 that an annual subscription is payable by Members:
 - (a) the Directors shall request, or require the Secretary to request, the applicant to pay the first annual subscription before becoming a Member; and
 - (b) if the first annual subscription of an applicant for membership is not paid within 30 days after the date the applicant receives a request pursuant to clause 7.7(a), the Directors may cancel any acceptance by them of the application for membership of the Company.
- 7.8 As soon as practicable following acceptance of an application for membership by the Directors (and not before the receipt of the payment of any first annual subscription requested by the Directors pursuant to clause 7.7), the Secretary will:
 - (a) enter the applicant's name in the Register (upon which the applicant becomes a Member); and
 - (b) send the applicant written notice of the acceptance.
- 7.9 The rights and privileges of every Member are personal to each Member and are not transferable by the Member's own act or by operation of law.

8. Annual subscriptions

- 8.1 The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, determine that an annual subscription is payable by each Member but unless and until they do, there will be no annual subscription payable by a Member.
- 8.2 The Directors may from time to time:
 - (a) suspend any determination made under clause 8.1 for a particular annual subscription period or particular annual subscription periods (in which case no annual subscription will be payable by a Member in respect of that period or those periods); or
 - (b) revoke any determination made under clause 8.1 (in which case annual subscriptions will not be payable by Members from the effective date of the revocation but the Directors may subsequently make a new determination under clause 8.1 at any time).
- 8.3 Subject to clause 8.2, if under clause 8.1 the Directors determine that an annual subscription is payable by each Member:
 - (a) the Directors shall, in their absolute discretion, determine the amount of the annual subscription payable by each Member (which amount they may vary from time to time);
 - (b) the annual subscription period will commence on 1 July of each year, and the annual subscription will be due in arrears within 30 days after this date;
 - (c) the first subscription payable by a person who is a Member at the time the Directors make a determination under clause 8.1 that an annual subscription is payable will be payable:

- (i) if the determination is that annual subscriptions will be payable commencing with effect from the next annual subscription period after the determination, in accordance with clause 8.3(b);
- (ii) if the determination is that annual subscriptions will be payable commencing immediately, including in respect of the current annual subscription period, within 30 days after the date the Directors notify the Member of the determination and the amount payable (which amount the Directors may determine shall only be a fraction of the normal annual subscription for a full year);
- (d) the Directors may determine that any Member admitted to membership between 1 January and 30 June will pay only one-half of the annual subscription until that Member's next annual subscription falls due; and
- (e) if a Member does not pay annual their subscription within 60 days after it becomes due the Directors:
 - (i) will give the Member notice of that fact; and
 - (ii) if the subscription remains unpaid 21 days from the date of that notice, may declare that Member's membership forfeited.

9. Ceasing to be a Member

9.1 A Member's membership of the Company will cease:

- (a) if the Member gives the Secretary written notice of resignation, from the date of receipt of that notice by the Secretary;
- (b) if a majority of three-quarters of the Directors present and voting at a meeting of Directors by resolution terminate the membership of a Member:
 - (i) whose conduct in their opinion renders it undesirable that that Member continue to be a Member of the Company;
 - (ii) only after the Member has been given at least 21 days' notice of the resolution and has had the opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which the resolution is proposed;
- (c) where the Member is an individual, if the Member:
 - (i) dies;
 - (ii) becomes mentally incapacitated or whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the laws relating to mental health; or
 - (iii) is convicted of an indictable offence;
- (d) if membership is forfeited under clause 8.3(e)(ii);
- (e) where the Member is not an individual, if:
 - (i) a liquidator is appointed in connection with the winding-up of the Member; or
 - (ii) an order is made by a Court for the winding-up or deregistration of the Member.

9.2 Any Member ceasing to be a Member:

- (a) will not be entitled to any refund (or part refund) of any annual subscription; and

- (b) will remain liable for and will pay to the Company all annual subscriptions and moneys which were due at the date of ceasing to be a Member.

10. Powers of attorney

- 10.1 If a Member executes or proposes to execute any document or do any act by or through an attorney which affects the Company or the Member's membership in the Company, that Member must deliver the instrument appointing the Attorney to the Company for notation.
- 10.2 If the Company asks the Member to file with it a certified copy of the instrument for the Company to retain, the Member will promptly comply with that request.
- 10.3 The Company may ask for whatever evidence it thinks appropriate that the power of attorney is effective and continues to be in force.

General meetings

11. Calling general meeting

- 11.1 Any Director may, at any time, call a general meeting.
- 11.2 A Member may:
 - (a) only request the Directors to call a general meeting in accordance with section 249D of the Corporations Act; and
 - (b) not request or call and arrange to hold a general meeting except under section 249E or 249F of the Corporations Act.
- 11.3 The Directors must call an annual general meeting to be held each calendar year in accordance with the Corporations Act.

12. Notice of general meeting

- 12.1 Subject to the provisions of the Corporations Act allowing general meetings to be held with shorter notice, at least 21 days written notice (exclusive of the day on which the notice is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which notice is given) must be given to Members of any general meeting.
- 12.2 A notice calling a general meeting:
 - (a) must specify the place, date and time of the meeting and if the meeting is to be held in two or more places, the technology that will be used to facilitate this; and
 - (b) must state the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting;
 - (c) must specify a place and facsimile number and may specify an electronic address or other electronic means for the purposes of proxy appointment or proxy appointment authorities;
 - (d) if a special resolution is to be proposed at the meeting, must specify an intention to propose the special resolution and state the resolution; and
 - (e) must comply with the Corporations Act.

- 12.3 A notice of an annual general meeting need not state that the business to be transacted at the meeting includes:
- (a) the consideration of the annual financial report, Directors' report and the Auditor's report;
 - (b) the election of directors; or
 - (c) the appointment and fixing of the remuneration of the Auditor.
- 12.4 The Directors may postpone or cancel any general meeting whenever they think fit (other than a meeting called as the result of a request under clause 11.2).
- 12.5 The Directors must give notice of the postponement or cancellation of a general meeting to all persons referred to in clause 54.1 entitled to receive notices from the Company.
- 12.6 The failure or accidental omission to send a notice of a general meeting (including a proxy appointment form) to any Member or the non-receipt of a notice (or form) by any Member does not invalidate the proceedings at or any resolution passed at the general meeting.

Proceedings at general meetings

13. Member

In clauses 14, 15, 17 and 20, **Member** includes a Member present in person or by proxy, attorney or Representative.

14. Quorum

- 14.1 No business may be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of Members is present when the meeting proceeds to business.
- 14.2 A quorum of Members is a majority of the Members (unless there are less than three Members, when a quorum is the number of Members).
- 14.3 If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for a general meeting:
- (a) if the general meeting was called on the requisition of Members, it is automatically dissolved; or
 - (b) in any other case:
 - (i) it will stand adjourned to the same time and place seven days after the meeting, or to another day, time and place determined by the Directors; and
 - (ii) if at the adjourned general meeting a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for the general meeting, the general meeting is automatically dissolved.

15. Chairperson

- 15.1 The chairperson, or in the chairperson's absence the deputy chairperson, of Directors' meetings will be the chairperson at every general meeting.
- 15.2 The Directors present may elect a chairperson of a general meeting if:
- (a) there is no chairperson or deputy chairperson; or

- (b) neither the chairperson nor deputy chairperson is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the general meeting; or
- (c) the chairperson and deputy chairperson are unwilling to act as chairperson of the general meeting.

15.3 If no election is made under clause 15.2, then:

- (a) the Members may elect one of the Directors present as chairperson; or
- (b) if no Director is present or is willing to take the chair, the Members may elect one of the Members present as chairperson.

15.4 If there is a dispute at a general meeting about a question of procedure, the chairperson may determine the question.

16. Adjournment

16.1 The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present:

- (a) in his or her discretion may adjourn the general meeting with the meeting's consent; and
- (b) must adjourn the general meeting if the meeting directs him or her to do so.

16.2 An adjourned general meeting may take place at a different venue to the initial general meeting.

16.3 The only business that can be transacted at an adjourned general meeting is the unfinished business of the initial general meeting.

16.4 Notice of an adjourned general meeting must only be given in accordance with clause 12.1 if a general meeting has been adjourned for more than 21 days.

17. Decision on questions

17.1 Subject to the Corporations Act in relation to special resolutions, a resolution is carried if a majority of the votes cast on the resolution are in favour of the resolution.

17.2 A resolution put to the vote of a meeting is decided on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded in accordance with the Corporations Act.

17.3 Unless a poll is demanded:

- (a) a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has been carried, carried by a specified majority, or lost; and
- (b) an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting,

are conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes in favour of or against the resolution.

17.4 The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

17.5 A decision of a general meeting may not be impeached or invalidated on the ground that a person voting at the general meeting was not entitled to do so.

18. Taking a poll

18.1 A poll will be taken when and in the manner that the chairperson directs.

- 18.2 The result of the poll will be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 18.3 The chairperson may determine any dispute about the admission or rejection of a vote.
- 18.4 The chairperson's determination, if made in good faith, will be final and conclusive.
- 18.5 A poll demanded on the election of the chairperson or the adjournment of a general meeting must be taken immediately.
- 18.6 After a poll has been demanded at a general meeting, the general meeting may continue for the transaction of business other than the question on which the poll was demanded.

19. Casting vote of chairperson

The chairperson has a casting vote in addition to the chairperson's votes as a Member, proxy, attorney or Representative.

Votes of Members

20. Entitlement to vote

- 20.1 A Member entitled to vote has one vote (on a poll or show of hands).
- 20.2 A Member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting if the Member's annual subscription (if any) is more than one month in arrears at the date of the meeting.

21. Objections

- 21.1 An objection to the qualification of a voter may only be raised at the general meeting or adjourned general meeting at which the voter tendered its vote.
- 21.2 An objection must be referred to the chairperson of the general meeting, whose decision made in good faith is final.
- 21.3 A vote which the chairperson does not disallow because of an objection is valid for all purposes.

22. Votes by proxy

- 22.1 If a Member appoints a proxy, proxies or an attorney, the proxy, proxies or attorney may, subject to the Corporations Act, vote on a show of hands.
- 22.2 A proxy need not be a Member.
- 22.3 A proxy may demand or join in demanding a poll.
- 22.4 A proxy or attorney may vote on a poll.
- 22.5 A proxy may vote or abstain as he or she chooses except where the appointment of the proxy directs the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution. If an appointment directs the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution:
 - (a) the proxy need not vote on a show of hands, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way;
 - (b) if the proxy has two or more appointments that specify different ways to vote on the resolution - the proxy must not vote on a show of hands;

- (c) if the proxy is the chair - the proxy must vote on a poll, and must vote that way; and
- (d) if the proxy is not the chair - the proxy need not vote on a poll, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way.

23. Document appointing proxy

- 23.1 An appointment of a proxy is valid if it is signed, or authenticated in accordance with the Corporations Act, by the Member making the appointment and contains the information required by subsection 250A(1) of the Corporations Act. The Directors may determine that an appointment of a proxy is valid even if it only contains some of the information required by section 250A(1) of the Corporations Act.
- 23.2 The Company may send a proxy appointment form to Members in a form which has been approved by the Directors.
- 23.3 A proxy's appointment is valid at an adjourned general meeting.
- 23.4 A proxy or attorney may be appointed for all general meetings or for any number of general meetings or for a particular purpose.
- 23.5 Unless otherwise provided for in the proxy's appointment or in any instrument appointing an attorney, the appointment of the proxy or the attorney will be taken to confer authority:
 - (a) to vote on:
 - (i) any amendment moved to the proposed resolutions and on any motion that the proposed resolutions not be put or any similar motion; and
 - (ii) any procedural motion, including any motion to elect the chairperson, to vacate the chair or to adjourn the general meeting,even though the appointment may specify the way the proxy or attorney is to vote on a particular resolution; and
 - (b) to vote on any motion before the general meeting whether or not the motion is referred to in the appointment.
- 23.6 If a proxy appointment is signed or authenticated by the Member but does not name the proxy or proxies in whose favour it is given, the chairperson may either act as proxy or complete the proxy appointment by inserting the name or names of one or more Directors or the Secretary.

24. Lodgment of proxy

- 24.1 Subject to clause 24.3, the appointment of a proxy or attorney must be received by the Company, at least 48 hours (unless reduced in the notice of meeting to which the appointment relates) before the general meeting (or the resumption of an adjourned general meeting) at which the appointee is to attend and vote.
- 24.2 If the appointment purports to be executed under a power of attorney or other authority, the original document or a certified copy of it must be received by the Company at least 48 hours (unless reduced in the notice of meeting to which the appointment relates) before the general meeting (or the resumption of an adjourned general meeting).
- 24.3 The Company receives an appointment of a proxy or attorney or other authority under which it was signed when they are:

- (a) received at:
 - (i) the Company's registered office;
 - (ii) a facsimile number at the Company's registered office; or
 - (iii) a place, facsimile number or electronic address specified for that purpose in the notice of general meeting; or
- (b) if the notice of general meeting specifies other electronic means by which a Member may give an appointment, received by the Company in accordance with the Corporations Act.

25. Validity

A vote cast in accordance with an appointment of proxy or power of attorney is valid even if before the vote was cast the appointor:

- (a) died;
- (b) became mentally incapacitated; or
- (c) revoked the proxy or power,

unless any written notification of the death, unsoundness of mind or revocation was received by the Company before the relevant general meeting or adjourned general meeting.

26. Representatives of bodies corporate

- 26.1 Any Member that is a body corporate may appoint an individual as its representative as provided by the Corporations Act.
- 26.2 The appointment of a Representative may set out restrictions on the Representative's powers.
- 26.3 The original form of appointment of a Representative, a certified copy of the appointment, or a certificate of the body corporate evidencing the appointment of a Representative is prima facie evidence of a Representative having been appointed.
- 26.4 The chairperson of a general meeting may permit a person claiming to be a Representative to exercise the body's powers even if he or she has not produced a certificate or other satisfactory evidence of his or her appointment.

Written resolutions

27. Written resolutions

- 27.1 The Company may pass a resolution without a general meeting being held if all the Members entitled to vote on the resolution sign a document containing a statement that they are in favour of the resolution set out in the document. The resolution is passed when the last Member signs.
- 27.2 For the purposes of clause 27.1, separate copies of a document may be used for signing by Members if the wording is identical in each copy.
- 27.3 If the Company has one Member, the Company may pass a resolution by the Member recording it and signing the record.

- 27.4 Any document referred to in this clause may be in the form of a facsimile or electronic transmission or notification.
- 27.5 Any written resolution passed in accordance with this clause satisfies any requirement in the Constitution or in the Corporations Act (to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act) that the resolution be passed at a general meeting.

Appointment and removal of Directors

28. Number of Directors

- 28.1 There will not be less than five nor more than ten Directors unless the Company in general meeting by resolution changes the maximum number.
- 28.2 The initial Directors of the Company are the persons who have consented to act as directors and are set out in the Company's application for registration as a Company. Those persons hold office subject to the Constitution.

29. Qualification and board composition

- 29.1 A Director must be a Member or the authorised representative of a Member:
- (a) at the time of the Director's election or appointment (otherwise they may not be elected or appointed a Director); and
 - (b) for so long as the Director continues to hold office as Director.
- 29.2 Unless otherwise required or permitted by the Tax Act, the majority of the Directors must be persons having a degree of responsibility to the community as a whole, which persons include:
- (a) church authorities, school principals, judges, clergymen, solicitors, doctors, other professional persons, mayors, councillors, town clerks and members of Parliament;
 - (b) persons known to a broad section of the community who perform a public function;
 - (c) persons known to a broad section of the community who belong to a professional body (including the Institute of Chartered Accountants, State Law Societies and Medical Registration Boards) which has a professional code of ethics and rules of conduct;
 - (d) appointees of a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; and
 - (e) persons who have received formal recognition from the Government for their services to the community, including an Order of Australia award.

30. Appointment and removal of Directors

- 30.1 The Company may by resolution passed in general meeting:
- (a) subject to clause 29, appoint new Directors;
 - (b) subject to clause 28.1, increase or reduce the number of Directors;
 - (c) remove any Director before the end of the Director's period of office; and
 - (d) appoint another person in the Director's place.

- 30.2 A person appointed under clause 30.1(d) will hold office for the period for which the Director replaced would have held office if the Director had not been removed.
- 30.3 If the conduct or position of any Director is such that continuance in office appears to the majority of the Directors to be prejudicial to the interests of the Company, a majority of Directors at a meeting of the Directors specifically called for that purpose may suspend that Director.
- 30.4 Within 14 days of any suspension under clause 30.3, the Directors must call a general meeting, at which the Members may either confirm the suspension and remove the Director from office in accordance with clause 30.1(c) or annul the suspension and reinstate the Director.

31. Additional and casual Directors

- 31.1 Subject to clauses 28.1 and 29, the Directors may appoint any person as a Director to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors.
- 31.2 A Director appointed under clause 31.1 will hold office until the next general meeting of the Company when the Director may be re-elected.

32. Nomination of Director

- 32.1 A person is not eligible for election as a Director at a general meeting unless the person, or a Member who intends to propose the person, has left at the Company's registered office a written notice signed by him or her:
- (a) giving the person's consent to the nomination; and
 - (b) stating either that the person is a candidate for the office of Director or that the Member intends to propose the person for election.
- 32.2 A notice given in accordance with clause 32.1 must be left at the Company's registered office at least 30 days before the relevant general meeting.
- 32.3 A written notice referring to all Director vacancies and each candidate for election, must be sent to all Members at least seven days before every general meeting at which an election of a Director will take place.

33. Period of office

A Director will continue to hold office until his or her office is vacated under clause 34.

34. Vacation of office

The office of a Director immediately becomes vacant if the Director:

- (a) is prohibited by the Corporations Act from holding office or continuing as a Director;
- (b) is liable to have a person appointed, under a law relating to the administration of estates of persons who through mental or physical incapacity are incapable of managing their affairs, to administer it, or becomes in the opinion of the Directors incapable of performing his or her duties;
- (c) resigns by notice in writing to the Company;
- (d) is removed by a resolution of the Company;

- (e) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Company and fails to declare the nature of the interest as required by the Corporations Act;
- (f) dies;
- (g) satisfies the Director qualification requirement in clause 29.1 by being a Member and ceases to be a Member under clause 8.3(e)(ii) or clause 9.1; or
- (h) satisfies the Director qualification requirement in clause 29.1 by being an authorised representative of a Member and ceases to be an authorised representative of the Member or that Member ceases to be a Member under clause 8.3(e)(ii) or clause 9.1.

Powers and duties of Directors

35. Powers and duties of Directors

- 35.1 The business of the Company is managed by the Directors who may exercise all powers of the Company that this Constitution and the Corporations Act do not require to be exercised by the Company in general meeting.
- 35.2 Without limiting the generality of clause 35.1, the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to:
- (a) borrow money;
 - (b) charge any property or business of the Company;
 - (c) issue debentures or give any other security for a debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any other person; and
 - (d) guarantee or to become liable for the payment of money or the performance of any obligation by or of any other person.
- 35.3 The powers of the Directors are subject to the Corporations Act, this Constitution and to any regulations or by-laws (not being inconsistent with this Constitution) from time to time made by the Company in general meeting. No regulation or by-law made by the Company in general meeting will invalidate any prior act of the Directors which would have been valid if that regulation or by-law had not been made and the Directors shall always be able to act and make determinations in order to comply with their duties as Directors under the Corporations Act and the common law.

Proceedings of Directors

36. Directors' meetings

- 36.1 A Director may at any time, and the Secretary must on the request of a Director, call a Directors' meeting.
- 36.2 A Directors' meeting must be called by not less than 48 hours notice of a meeting to each Director, unless the Directors unanimously agree otherwise. The notice may be in writing or given using any technology consented to by all the Directors.

- 36.3 An accidental omission to send a notice of a meeting of Directors to any Director or the non-receipt of such a notice by any Director does not invalidate the proceedings, or any resolution passed, at the meeting.
- 36.4 Subject to the Corporations Act, a Directors' meeting may be held by the Directors communicating with each other by any technological means by which they are able simultaneously to hear each other and to participate in discussion.
- 36.5 The Directors need not all be physically present in the same place for a Directors' meeting to be held.
- 36.6 Subject to clause 39, a Director who participates in a meeting held in accordance with this Constitution is taken to be present and entitled to vote at the meeting.
- 36.7 Clauses 36.4 to 36.5 apply to meetings of Directors' committees as if all committee members were Directors.
- 36.8 The Directors may meet together, adjourn and regulate their meetings as they think fit.
- 36.9 A quorum is a majority of the Directors.
- 36.10 Where a quorum cannot be established for the consideration of a particular matter at a meeting of Directors, the chairperson may call a general meeting to deal with the matter.
- 36.11 Notice of a meeting of Directors may be given in writing, or the meeting may be otherwise called using any technology consented to by all the Directors.

37. Decision on questions

- 37.1 Subject to this Constitution, questions arising at a meeting of Directors are to be decided by a majority of votes of the Directors present and voting and, subject to clause 39 and the Corporations Act, each Director has one vote.
- 37.2 If there is an equality of votes, the chairperson of a meeting has a casting vote in addition to his or her deliberative vote.
- 37.3 An Alternate Director has one vote for each Director for whom he or she is an alternate.
- 37.4 If the Alternate Director is a Director, he or she also has a vote as a Director.

Payments to Directors

38. Payments to Directors

No payment will be made to any Director of the Company other than payment:

- (a) of out of pocket expenses incurred by the Director in the performance of any duty as Director of the Company where the amount payable does not exceed an amount previously approved by the Directors of the Company;
- (b) for any service rendered to the Company by the Director in a professional or technical capacity, other than in the capacity as Director, where the provision of the service has the prior approval of the Directors of the Company and where the amount payable is approved by a resolution of the Directors of the Company and is not more than an amount which commercially would be reasonable payment for the service;

- (c) of any salary or wage due to the Director as an employee of the Company where the terms of employment have been approved by a resolution of the Directors of the Company; and
- (d) relating to an indemnity in favour of the Director and permitted by section 199A of the Corporations Act or a contract of insurance permitted by section 199B.

39. Directors' interests

- 39.1 As required by the Corporations Act, a Director must give the Directors notice of any material personal interest in a matter that relates to the affairs of the Company.
- 39.2 Subject to the provisions of this clause 39, a Director or a body or entity in which a Director has a direct or indirect interest may:
- (a) enter into any agreement or arrangement with the Company;
 - (b) hold any office or place of profit other than as auditor in the Company; and
 - (c) act in a professional capacity other than as auditor for the Company,
- and the Director or the body or entity can receive and keep beneficially any remuneration, profits or benefits under any agreement or arrangement with the Company or from holding an office or place of profit in or acting in a professional capacity with the Company.
- 39.3 The fact that a Director holds office as a director, and has fiduciary obligations arising out of that office:
- (a) will not void or render voidable a contract made by a Director with the Company;
 - (b) will not void or render voidable a contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Company and in which the Director may have any interest; and
 - (c) will not require the Director to account to the Company for any profit realised by or under any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Company and in which the Director may have any interest.
- 39.4 A Director may be or become a director or other officer of, or otherwise be interested in:
- (a) any related body corporate of the Company; or
 - (b) any other body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company may be interested as a vendor, shareholder or otherwise,
- and is not accountable to the Company for any remuneration or other benefits received by the Director as a director or officer of, or from having an interest in, that body corporate.
- 39.5 A Director who has a material personal interest in a matter that is being considered at a Directors' meeting must not:
- (a) be present while the matter is being considered at the meeting; or
 - (b) vote on the matter,
- unless permitted to do so by the Corporations Act, in which case the Director may:
- (c) be counted in determining whether or not a quorum is present at any meeting of Directors considering that contract or arrangement or a proposed contract or arrangement;

- (d) sign or countersign any document relating to that contract or arrangement or a proposed contract or arrangement; and
- (e) vote in respect of, or in respect of any matter arising out of, the contract or arrangement or proposed contract or arrangement.

40. Alternate Directors

- 40.1 A Director may, with the approval of a majority of the other Directors, appoint any person as his or her alternate for a period determined by that Director.
- 40.2 An Alternate Director is entitled to notice of Directors' meetings and, if the appointor is not present at a meeting, is entitled to attend, be counted in a quorum and vote as a Director.
- 40.3 An Alternate Director is an officer of the Company and is not an agent of the appointor.
- 40.4 The provisions of this Constitution which apply to Directors also apply to Alternate Directors.
- 40.5 The appointment of an Alternate Director:
 - (a) may be revoked at any time by the appointor; and
 - (b) end automatically when the appointor ceases to be a Director.
- 40.6 Any appointment or revocation under this clause must be effected by written notice delivered to the Secretary.

41. Remaining Directors

- 41.1 The Directors may act even if there are vacancies on the board.
- 41.2 If the number of Directors is not sufficient to constitute a quorum at a Directors' meeting, the Directors may act only to:
 - (a) appoint a Director; or
 - (b) call a general meeting.

42. Chairperson

- 42.1 The Directors may elect a Director as chairperson of Directors' meetings and may determine the period for which the chairperson will hold office.
- 42.2 If no chairperson is elected or if the chairperson is not present at any Directors' meeting within ten minutes after the time appointed for the meeting to begin, the Directors present must elect a Director to be chairperson of the meeting.
- 42.3 The Directors may elect a Director as deputy chairperson to act as chairperson in the chairperson's absence.

43. Delegation

- 43.1 The Directors may delegate any of their powers, other than those which by law must be dealt with by the Directors as a board, to:
 - (a) a committee of Directors (which may include persons other than Directors in addition to at least one Director);

- (b) a Director;
 - (c) an employee of the Company; or
 - (d) any other person.
- 43.2 A committee or person to which any powers have been delegated must exercise its powers in accordance with any directions of the Directors and a power exercised in that way is taken to have been exercised by the Directors.
- 43.3 A committee or person to which any powers have been delegated may be authorised to sub-delegate all or any of the powers for the time being vested in it.
- 43.4 The Directors may at any time revoke any delegation of power.
- 43.5 Meetings of any committee will be governed by the provisions of this Constitution which deal with Directors' meetings so far as they are applicable and are not inconsistent with any directions of the Directors.

44. Written resolutions

- 44.1 The Directors may pass a resolution without a Directors' meeting being held if all the Directors entitled to vote on the resolution sign a document containing a statement that they are in favour of the resolution set out in the document. The resolution is passed when the last Director entitled to vote signs.
- 44.2 For the purposes of clause 44.1, separate copies of a document may be used for signing by Directors if the wording of the resolution and statement is identical in each copy.
- 44.3 Any document referred to in this clause may be in the form of a facsimile or electronic transmission or notification.
- 44.4 The minutes of Directors' meetings must record that a meeting was held in accordance with this clause.
- 44.5 This clause applies to meetings of Directors' committees as if all members of the committee were Directors.

45. Validity of acts of Directors

If it is discovered that:

- (a) there was a defect in the appointment of a person as a Director, Alternate Director or member of a Directors' committee; or
- (b) a person appointed to one of those positions was disqualified,

all acts of the Directors or the Directors' committee before the discovery was made are as valid as if the person had been duly appointed and was not disqualified.

46. Minutes and Registers

- 46.1 The Directors must cause minutes to be made of:
- (a) the names of the Directors present at all general meetings, Directors' meetings and meetings of Directors' committees;

- (b) all proceedings and resolutions of general meetings, Directors' meetings and meetings of Directors' committees;
 - (c) all resolutions passed by Directors in accordance with clause 44;
 - (d) all appointments of officers;
 - (e) all orders made by the Directors and Directors' committees; and
 - (f) all disclosures of interests made under clause 39.
- 46.2 Minutes must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next meeting of the relevant body, and if so signed will as between the Directors be conclusive evidence of the matters stated in such minutes.
- 46.3 The Company must keep all registers required by this Constitution and the Corporations Act.

Local management

47. Local management

- 47.1 The Directors may provide for the management and transaction of the affairs of the Company in any places and in such manner as they think fit.
- 47.2 Without limiting clause 47.1 the Directors may:
- (a) establish local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company in a specified place and appoint any persons to be members of those local boards or agencies; and
 - (b) delegate to any person appointed under clause 47.2(a) any of the powers, authorities and discretions which may be exercised by the Directors under this Constitution,
- on any terms and subject to any conditions determined by the Directors.
- 47.3 The Directors may at any time revoke or vary any delegation under this clause.

48. Appointment of attorneys and agents

- 48.1 The Directors may from time to time by resolution or power of attorney executed in accordance with section 127 of the Corporations Act appoint any person to be the attorney or agent of the Company:
- (a) for the purposes;
 - (b) with the powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those exercisable by the Directors under this Constitution);
 - (c) for the period; and
 - (d) subject to the conditions,
- determined by the Directors.

- 48.2 An appointment by the Directors of an attorney or agent of the Company may be made in favour of:
- (a) any member of any local board established under this Constitution;
 - (b) any company;
 - (c) the members, directors, nominees or managers of any company or firm; or
 - (d) any fluctuating body of persons whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors.
- 48.3 A power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with an attorney as the Directors think fit.
- 48.4 The Directors may appoint attorneys or agents by facsimile transmission, telegraph or cable to act for and on behalf of the Company.
- 48.5 An attorney or agent appointed under this clause may be authorised by the Directors to sub-delegate all or any of the powers authorities and discretions for the time being vested in it.

Secretary

49. Secretary

- 49.1 If required by the Corporations Act, there must be at least one secretary of the Company appointed by the Directors for a term and at remuneration and on conditions determined by them.
- 49.2 The Secretary is entitled to attend and be heard on any matter at all Directors' and general meetings.
- 49.3 The Directors may, subject to the terms of the Secretary's employment contract, suspend, remove or dismiss the Secretary.

Seals

50. Common Seal

If the Company has a Seal:

- (a) the Directors must provide for the safe custody of the Seal;
- (b) the Seal must not be used without the authority of the Directors or a Directors' committee authorised to use the Seal;
- (c) every document to which the Seal is affixed must be signed by a Director and be countersigned by another Director, the Secretary or another person appointed by the Directors to countersign the document.

51. Duplicate Seal

If the Company has a Seal, the Company may have one or more duplicate seals of the Seal each of which:

- (a) must be a facsimile of the Seal with 'Duplicate Seal' on its face;

- (b) must not be used except with the authority of the Directors.

Inspection of records

52. Inspection of records

- 52.1 Except as otherwise required by the Corporations Act, the Directors may determine whether and to what extent, and at what times and places and under what conditions, the financial records and other documents of the Company or any of them will be open for inspection by Members other than Directors.
- 52.2 Except as otherwise required by the Corporations Act, a Member other than a Director does not have the right to inspect any financial records or other documents of the Company unless the Member is authorised to do so by a court order or a resolution of the Directors.

Notices

53. Service of notices

- 53.1 Notice may be given by the Company to any person who is entitled to notice under this Constitution:
- (a) by serving it on the person; or
 - (b) by sending it by post, facsimile transmission or electronic notification to the person at the person's address shown in the Register or the address supplied by the person to the Company for sending notices to the person; or
 - (c) if it is a notice of meeting, by giving it in accordance with section 249J(3) of the Corporations Act.
- 53.2 A notice sent by post is taken to be served:
- (a) by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the notice; and
 - (b) on the day after the day on which it was posted.
- 53.3 Subject to the Corporations Act, a notice sent by facsimile transmission or electronic notification is taken to be served:
- (a) by properly addressing the facsimile transmission or electronic notification and transmitting it; and
 - (b) on the day after its despatch.
- 53.4 If a Member does not have an address recorded in the Register a notice will be taken to be served on that Member 24 hours after it was posted on a notice board at the Company's registered office.
- 53.5 A Member whose address recorded in the Register is not in Australia may specify in writing an address in Australia to be taken to be the Member's for the purposes of clause 53.
- 53.6 A certificate in writing signed by a Director, Secretary or other officer of the Company that a document or its envelope or wrapper was addressed and stamped and was posted is conclusive evidence of posting.

53.7 Subject to the Corporations Act the signature to a written notice given by the Company may be written or printed.

53.8 All notices sent by post outside Australia must be sent by prepaid airmail post.

54. Persons entitled to notice

54.1 Notice of every general meeting must be given to:

- (a) every Member;
- (b) every Director and Alternate Director; and
- (c) any Auditor.

54.2 No other person is entitled to receive notice of a general meeting.

Audit and accounts

55. Audit and accounts

55.1 The Directors must cause the Company to keep written financial records in relation to the business of the Company, and to prepare financial documents and reports, in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act.

55.2 The Directors must cause the financial records and financial documents of the Company to be audited in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act.

Winding up

56. Winding up

56.1 If the Company is wound up:

- (a) each Member; and
- (b) each person who has ceased to be a Member in the preceding year,

undertakes to contribute to the property of the Company for the:

- (c) payment of debts and liabilities of the Company (in relation to clause 56.1(b), contracted before the person ceased to be a Member) and payment of costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and
- (d) adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves,

such amount as may be required, not exceeding \$50.00 (and otherwise has no liability for the payment of debts and liabilities of the Company nor obligation to contribute to the property of the Company).

56.2 If any surplus remains following the winding up of the Company, the surplus will not be paid to or distributed amongst Members, but will be given or transferred to another corporation which, by its constitution, is:

- (a) required to pursue charitable purposes only;

- (b) required to apply its profits (if any) or other income in promoting its objects; and
 - (c) prohibited from making any distribution to its members or paying fees to its directors,
- such corporation to be determined by the Members at or before the winding up and in default, by application to the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory for determination.

Indemnity and insurance

57. Indemnity

- 57.1 To the extent permitted by law and subject to the restrictions in section 199A of the Corporations Act the Company indemnifies every person who is or has been an officer of the Company against:
- (a) any liability (other than for legal costs) incurred by that person as an officer of the Company (including liabilities incurred by the officer as an officer of a subsidiary of the Company where the Company requested the officer to accept that appointment); or
 - (b) reasonable legal costs incurred in defending an action for a liability incurred by that person as an officer of the Company (including legal costs incurred by the officer as an officer of a subsidiary of the Company where the Company requested the officer to accept that appointment).
- 57.2 The amount of any indemnity payable under clauses 57.1(a) or 57.1(b) will include an additional amount (**GST Amount**) equal to any GST payable by the officer being indemnified (**Indemnified Officer**) in connection with the indemnity (less the amount of input tax credit claimable by the Indemnified Officer in connection with the indemnity). Payment of any indemnity which includes a GST Amount is conditional upon the Indemnified Officer providing the Company with a GST tax invoice for the GST Amount.
- 57.3 For the purposes of clauses 57 and 58, **officer** means:
- (a) a Director; or
 - (b) a Secretary.

58. Insurance

The Company may pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring a person who is or has been an officer against liability incurred by the person as an officer, except in circumstances prohibited by the Corporations Act.

Execution of documents

59. Execution of documents

The Company may execute a document:

- (a) in accordance with section 127(1) of the Corporations Act;
- (b) if the Company has a Seal, in accordance with section 127(2) of the Corporations Act and clauses 50 and 51; or

(c) in any other way approved by the Directors and permitted by law.