

**RULES OF THE  
Main Street Orewa Business  
Association (t/a Destination Orewa  
Beach)**

**(AN INCORPORATED SOCIETY)**

**Destination Orewa Beach Constitution  
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**RULES OF THE MAIN STREET OREWA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION  
(T/A Destination Orewa Beach)**

**CHAPTER 1 - INTERPRETATION PROVISIONS**

**1. DEFINED TERMS AND RULES OF INTERPRETATION**

In these Rules, unless the context requires otherwise:

**1.1** the following terms have defined meanings:

**"Act"** means the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, as amended from time to time, or any corresponding replacement legislation;

**"Annual Financial Statements"** means the annual financial statements for the Association to be approved by the Members and filed with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies under the Act;

**"Annual General Meeting"** has the meaning given to it in Rule 23;

**"Associate Member"** means a member of the Association admitted pursuant to Rule 5;

**"Association"** means Destination Orewa Beach (DOB)

**"Auditor"** means the auditor appointed in accordance with Rule 16;

**"BID Targeted Rate Grant"** means any grant or funding received by the Association for the purposes of the BID Programme (collected from Commercial rate payers via Auckland Council and paid to The Association four times each fiscal year);

**"BID Targeted Rate"** means any rate set by the Council pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, in order to provide, or contribute to, the BID Programme targeted rate grant;

**"BID Programme"** means the economic development programme known as the "Business Improvement District" or "BID" programme implemented in relation to the Orewa commercial district, involving the Council, the Association, the business community and other stakeholders, to organise, design, promote, improve and develop the Orewa commercial district;

**"BID Policy"** means the council policy that sets out the relationship between the association and Auckland Council including the three-year BID Targeted Rate Grant Agreement, and the governance and accountability requirements for the BID programme and BID targeted rate grant;

**"BID Targeted Rating Area"** means the geographical area relating to the Orewa commercial district that is subject to the BID Targeted Rate, as defined for the purposes of the Council's rating information database.

**"Chairperson"** means the chairperson of the Association referred to in Rule 15;

**"Council"** means the Auckland Council;

**"Executive Committee"** means the committee of the Association referred to in Rule 13.1;

**Financial Year** means the 12 month or other financial reporting period ending on 30 June each year, being the balance date for the Association for financial reporting purposes;

**"Full Member"** means a member of the Association in terms of Rule 5.1;

**"General Meetings"** means the Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings of the Association;

**"Local Board"** means the local board of the Council within whose local board area the BID Programme operates;

**"Local Board Representative"** means the member of the Local Board who is appointed by the Local Board to represent it in matters relating to the BID Programme, and includes any other member of the Local Board who is authorised by the Local Board (and agreed to by the Association) to act in place of that appointee if that appointee is absent or unavailable;

**"Members"** means the members of the Association from time to time, including Associate Members and Full Members, who have the ultimate right to determine their financial outcomes in relation to the Associations Strategic Business Plan.

**"Officers"** means the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and any other officer as referred to in Rule 15;

**"Rules"** means the rules of the Association as set out in this document and, as the context requires, includes any subsequent change to the rules;

**"Secretary"** means the Secretary of the Association referred to in Rule 15;

**"Special General Meeting"** has the meaning set out in Rule 24;

**"Special Resolution"** means a resolution of the Association passed at a General Meeting, in respect of which the Members have been given not less than 21 days written notice ahead of the meeting;

**"Associate Member"** has the meaning set out Rule 9.1;

**"Treasurer"** means the Treasurer of the Association referred to in Rule 15;

**1.2** references to persons include references to individuals, companies, corporations, partnerships, firms, joint ventures, associations, trusts, and other organisations and entities; and

**1.3** references to any legislation or to any provision of any legislation include that legislation or provision as from time to time amended or re-enacted and any corresponding replacement legislation or legislative provision, and any statutory instrument, regulation, rule or order issued under that legislation or provision (as from time to time amended or

re-enacted) or under any such corresponding replacement legislation or legislative provision;

- 1.4 the terms include and including (or any equivalent term) are to be treated as being followed by the words without limitation;
- 1.5 singular words include the plural and vice versa; and
- 1.6 chapter and other headings are for ease of reference only and do not form part of the context or affect the interpretation of these Rules.

## **CHAPTER 2 – NAME, OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **2. ASSOCIATION NAME**

The name of the Association is the **Main Street Orewa Incorporated**, trading as **Destination Orewa Beach**.

### **3. OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The objects of the Association are as follows:

- 3.1 To assist, promote and guide the development and advancement of the Strategic Business Plan.
- 3.2 To foster and promote generally the welfare of the business community of Orewa and, in particular, to provide a forum for networking and collaboration of Members, and sharing of information.
- 3.3 To capitalise on the natural and unique assets of the Orewa town centre, along with any area or place which directly effects or contributes to the economic activities of the Members, and to use any natural significance (such as Orewa Beach) as a means of establishing an identity for the area.
- 3.4 To make arrangements with and/or advocate to the Government, local authorities and/or other persons for the improvement of amenity, streetscapes, utilities, recreational areas, transport, services or other infrastructure, and for lighting, surfacing, security and cleaning to the benefit of the Orewa Commercial district.
  - 3.5 To work with other similar organisations to the benefit of the Members.
- 3.6 In furtherance of the objects set out above, to administer the BID Programme Targeted Rate Grant.
  - 3.7 To facilitate, promote and assist with events, festivals and alike, which directly benefit the Members.
  - 3.8 Improve the environment of the businesses area of Orewa so as to attract and retain business in order to drive employment and economic growth.

**3.9** To do things that attain or advance, or are incidental or conducive to the attainment or advancement of, the objects set out above.

**3.10** To manage the organisations income in a financially prudent manner in keeping with the Members and Executive Committee direction.

The objects of the Association do not include, and the Association must not be carried on for, pecuniary or financial gain to its Members or any other persons in contravention of the Act or any other applicable legislation.

#### **4. POWERS**

In order to attain or advance the objects set out in Rule 3, and subject to the Act, these Rules and any other applicable law, the Association has full capacity to carry on or undertake any activity, do any act, or enter into any transaction, and for that purpose has full rights, powers and privileges. The Association's powers include the following:

- 4.1** To purchase, take on, lease, exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire, and to sell, mortgage, dispose of or otherwise deal with any real or personal property and any other rights or privileges which the Association thinks necessary or expedient for the purposes of attaining the objects of the Association or promoting the interests of the Association, its Members or any other persons.
- 4.2** Subject to Rule 4.1, to use the funds of the Association as the Association may consider necessary or proper to:
  - 4.2.1** pay the costs and expenses of the Association, including the employment of solicitors, agents, officers and servants as necessary or expedient; and
  - 4.2.2** otherwise further the objects of the Association;
- 4.3** To engage in prosecuting, defending or otherwise taking any legal action or legal proceedings and for that purpose, to expend such moneys and employ such solicitors, counsel and other advisors as the Association may think fit.
- 4.4** To apply for and acquire any licences or permits deemed necessary or expedient by the Association.
- 4.5** To open and operate bank accounts of whatever nature or description subject to such conditions as the Association thinks fit.
- 4.6** To assist any charity or charitable purpose by such financial or other means as the Association thinks fit.
- 4.7** To borrow or raise money by any means and upon such conditions as the Association thinks fit. The BID targeted rate grant cannot be used as a potential funding source to guarantee, secure or repay borrowed or raised money.

- 4.8 To employ management and other staff or personnel, and engage contractors, for such purposes and for such periods and subject to such conditions as the Association thinks fit.
- 4.9 To establish an Executive Committee with the functions and powers set out in these Rules.
- 4.10 To adopt any bylaws, regulations, rules or policies (however described) in relation to the Association's operations, provided that such bylaws, regulations, rules or policies (however described) must be consistent with these Rules and must be made available to all Members.
  - 4.11 The Association shall not lend money to any person at less than current commercial rates, having regard to the nature and term of the loan, to any person (as defined in the Income Tax Act 1994)
  - 4.12 To enter into agreements, memorandum of understanding or other beneficial agreements with any statutory organisation or other party or parties for the purposes of providing a direct benefit to the members as the Association sees fit.
  - 4.13 To negotiate and enter into agreements, contracts or commercial contracts which either provide financial benefit to Members or add to the economic wellbeing of the Members.
  - 4.14 No clause within these Rules or process requested or imposed by a third party shall allow exchange of material which in the Association's view could diminish the commercial value of that material which is owned by Members.

### **CHAPTER 3 – MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **5. FULL MEMBERSHIP AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

- 5.1 There shall be Full Members of the Association, and there may also be Associate Members of the Association, as set out in this Rule 5. For the purpose of maintaining its incorporation, the Association shall endeavour to ensure that its membership remains at or above any minimum number imposed under the Act or any other applicable legislation.
- 5.2 A person shall be entitled to be a Full Member of the Association if the person:
  - 5.2.1 owns one or more commercially rated properties within the BID Targeted Rating Area; or
  - 5.2.2 trades within one or more commercially rated properties within the BID Targeted Rating Area and who operates a business from those premises for not less than 50 business days a year; and
  - 5.2.3 has not previously been expelled from the Association, unless the Executive Committee has resolved to readmit that person under Rule 11.6.

- 5.3** A Full Member shall be entitled to one vote even if that Full Member may own multiple premises within the BID targeted rating area as noted in 5.5 below.
- 5.4** In circumstances where a vote will be held or a motion be moved, only one vote is permitted per represented business.
- 5.5** For the avoidance of doubt, a person may be a Full Member only once at the same time, even though that person may be entitled under Rule 5.2 to be a Full Member in respect of more than one commercially rated property within the BID Targeted Rate Area or on more than one ground.
- 5.6** A Full Member shall be entitled to:
- 5.6.1** attend and vote at all General Meetings;
  - 5.6.2** stand for election to the Executive Committee;
  - 5.6.3** receive regular communications about BID Programme activities; and
  - 5.6.4** receive notification of upcoming General Meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee and the agendas for such meetings.
- 5.7** In order to become a Full Member, a person entitled to be a Full Member of the Association who wishes to exercise that entitlement must:
- 5.7.1** submit to the Secretary an application for membership, including any evidence that may reasonably be required by the Association, as part of the application or subsequently, to determine that the person is entitled to be a Full Member under Rule 5.2; and
  - 5.7.2** provide to the Secretary, when becoming a Full Member and from time to time, their current details, including their name, occupation, business and contact information and any other information necessary or expedient for the Association's operations and affairs or that must be included in the Association's register of Members under the Act, these Rules, and any other applicable legislation;
- and, once the required application, evidence, and current details have been provided to the Association, the person will become a Full Member and the Secretary will add the person to the register of Members and notify the person that they have been accepted as a Full Member.
- 5.8** Any person who ceases to be entitled to be a Full Member of the Association under Rule 5.2 shall immediately provide notice of that fact, and the date their entitlement ceased, to the Secretary.
- 5.9** There may be Associate Members of the Association. A person who does not qualify to be a Full Member under Rule 5.2 (for example, a business that operates outside the BID Targeted Rating Area, or a person who operates a business from a residential property within or near the BID Targeted Rating

Area, or a non-business organisation or entity operating in the area) may submit to the Secretary an application to become an Associate Member of the Association. The Secretary shall advise the Executive Committee of the application and the Executive Committee shall determine at its next scheduled Executive Committee meeting whether or not the applicant shall be admitted as an Associate Member, taking into account the objects of the Association set out in Rule 3.

- 5.10** An Associate Member shall, in each year, pay a \$200 + GST Special Subscription or as defined by the Executive Committee.
- 5.11** An Associate Member shall have the same entitlements as a Full Member, except that an Associate Member:
  - 5.11.1** is not entitled to stand for election to the Executive Committee, but may be appointed by the Executive Committee to be a member of the Executive Committee or a subcommittee in a non-voting capacity; and
  - 5.11.2** is not entitled to vote on any Association matters, except and to the extent that he or she has been appointed as a voting member of the Executive Committee or a sub-committee.
- 5.12** In becoming a Member of the Association, a person agrees to abide by these Rules and any bylaws, regulations, rules or policies (however described) adopted in accordance with these Rules.

## **6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

A person is not permitted to become, or to remain, a Member if the person:

- 6.1** is an individual who dies, or becomes bankrupt, or is subject to an order made under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.
- 6.2** resigns that membership by notice in writing to the Association, in which case membership will cease at the time specified in the notice (or if no time is specified, immediately upon the Association's receipt of the notice). However the Member will still be required to pay the BID Targeted Rate via the Auckland Council rates department; or
- 6.3** is expelled from the Association in accordance with Rule 11 and has not been readmitted, in which case membership will cease upon completion of the process set out in Rule 11; or
- 6.4** ceases to be entitled to be a Full Member in terms of Rule 5.2, and has not been admitted as an Associate Member, in which case membership will cease immediately upon cessation of entitlement to be a Full Member.

## **7. MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENTS NOT TRANSFERABLE**

Any right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a Member of the Association:

- 7.1** is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and

7.2 ceases upon termination of the person's membership.

## **8. REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

8.1 The Association shall establish and maintain a register of Members which shall be the responsibility of the Secretary and shall include:

8.1.1 the name, occupation/business and contact details (including, without limitation, address, telephone/mobile and email details) of each person who is a Member of the Association;

8.1.2 whether that person is a Full Member or an Associate Member;

8.1.3 the date of commencement of membership, including the date of any change of category of membership;

8.1.4 in the case of Members which are not individuals, the name and contact details of that Member's individual representative as referred to Rule 5.7.2 and

8.1.5 any other information required to be included in the register of Members under the Act or any other applicable legislation.

8.2 Each Member shall notify the Secretary as soon as reasonably practicable if there is any change to any of the information in the register of Members relating to that Member.

8.3 The current register of Members shall be kept at the principal place of administration of the Association and must be made available to the Members.

## **9. MEMBER FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ETC.**

9.1 An Associate Member shall, in each year, pay a Special Subscription of \$200 + GST or as determined by the Executive Committee from time to time.

9.2 The Association may levy from its Members any fee, subscription or charge considered by the Executive Committee to be necessary or expedient to carry out the Association's objects, which may be in several parts or categories, provided that the Executive Committee must take into account any BID Programme Targeted Rate Grant (and Members' contributions to that grant funding) and other funding available to the Association before deciding to levy, and setting the amount of, any such fee, subscription or charge.

9.3 Any person ceasing to be a Member of the Association pursuant to Rule 6 shall not be entitled to any refund of any fee, subscription or charge levied by the Association and paid by that person prior to the cessation of their membership and such person shall remain liable to pay to the Association any fee, subscription or charge payable by that person prior to the cessation of their membership, despite ceasing to be a Member.

## **10. MEMBER LIABILITIES**

The liability of a Member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the Member in respect of membership of the Association as required by Rule 9. A Member will not otherwise have any liability in respect of any contract or other obligation, or any debt or liability, of the Association, except as provided under the Act or any other applicable law.

## **11. DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS and DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**11.1** The Executive Committee shall have the power to regulate the conduct of Members, investigate the conduct of Members and take disciplinary action against Members in accordance with this Rule 11, and for this purpose the Executive Committee may receive and investigate complaints in relation to Members' conduct or investigate such conduct on its own initiative.

**11.2** Where, following the receipt and investigation of a complaint regarding a Member or its own investigation, the Executive Committee is reasonably of the opinion that a Member of the Association:

**11.2.1** has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these Rules; or

**11.2.2** has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association; or

**11.2.3** has failed to pay any Special Subscription or other fee, subscription or charge payable under Rule 9, or otherwise failed to make any payment due under these Rules, and such failure continues for a period of three calendar months after the relevant payment is due; or

**11.2.4** has done or is doing anything which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, in its absolute discretion, is likely to seriously harm the reputation of the Association or detract from the objects of the Association;

the Executive Committee may by resolution:

**11.2.5** in the case of non-payment as set out in Rule 11.2.3, to remove the Member's entitlement to vote at any General Meeting until such time as payment is made in full; or

**11.2.6** in any of the cases set out in Rule 11.2, to expel the Member of the Association, or to suspend the Member from membership of the Association for a specified period.

**11.3** A resolution of the Executive Committee under Rule 11.2 is of no effect unless the Executive Committee confirms the resolution at a meeting of the Executive Committee held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service on the Member of a notice under Rule 11.4.

- 11.4** Where the Executive Committee passes a resolution under Rule 11.2, the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause a notice in writing to be served on the Member:
- 11.4.1** setting out the resolution of the Executive Committee and the grounds on which it is based;
  - 11.4.2** stating that the Member may address the Executive Committee at a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service of the notice;
  - 11.4.3** stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
  - 11.4.4** informing the Member that the Member may:
    - (a) attend and speak at that meeting, and bring a supporting person to the meeting; and/or
    - (b) submit to the Executive Committee at or prior to the date of that meeting written representations relating to the resolution and the grounds on which it is barred.
- 11.5** At a meeting of the Executive Committee held in accordance with Rules 11.3 and 11.4, the Executive Committee shall:
- 11.5.1** allow the Member to bring a supporting person;
  - 11.5.2** give the Member an opportunity to make oral representations;
  - 11.5.3** give due consideration to any written representations submitted to the Executive Committee by the Member at or prior to the meeting; and
  - 11.5.4** by resolution determine whether to confirm, revoke or modify the resolution passed under Rule 11.2.
- 11.6** For any other disagreement or conflict involving the Association and/or its members as set out in sections 38 to 44 of the Act, the Association adopts the processes set out under Schedule 2 of the Act for handling of any dispute of that nature.

## **CHAPTER 4 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **12. ROLE AND POWERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 12.1** The role of the Executive Committee, and its members, is to govern the Association and in doing so to act in the best interests of the Association in terms of the advancement or attainment of its objects set out in Rule 3 and in compliance with these Rules and any other applicable law. The operations and affairs of the Association are to be managed by, or under the direction or supervision of, the Executive Committee.

- 12.2** Subject to the Act, these Rules and any other applicable law, the Executive Committee has all of the powers necessary for undertaking its role set out in Rule 12.1 and the Executive Committee:
- 12.2.1** may exercise on behalf of the Association any and all of the powers of Association, in order to attain or advance all or any of the objects of the Association;
  - 12.2.2** may establish any sub-committee or sub-committees in relation to any aspect of the operations and affairs of the Association;
  - 12.2.3** may fix the amount of any Special Subscription payable by Associate Members, and if considered appropriate any other fee, subscription or charge to be paid by Members;
  - 12.2.4** has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the Executive Committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper governance, management and administration of the operations and affairs of the Association;
  - 12.2.5** shall be responsible for engaging and managing any staff of the Association;
  - 12.2.6** shall be responsible for co-ordinating with the Council any ballot required by the Council in relation to the BID Targeted Rating Area;
  - 12.2.7** shall carry out matters relating to the BID Programme on behalf of the Association, which includes:
    - (a) identifying strategic opportunities;
    - (b) establishing a programme of activities, projects and priorities to further the BID Programme;
    - (c) allocating the BID Programme Targeted Rate Grant;
    - (d) overseeing the spending of approved budgets;
    - (e) monitoring work progress against approved budgets and performance measures;
    - (f) reporting to the Local Board or to the Governing Body of the Council as required; and
    - (g) establishing any sub-committee to deal with specific projects as the Executive Committee deems appropriate;
    - (h) any other matters or requirements as set out in the BID Policy;
  - 12.2.8** shall be responsible for arranging the preparation of strategic and annual plans, budgets, and annual reports and financial statements, for the Association;

**12.2.9** shall be responsible for accounting for the BID Programme Targeted Rate Grant; and

**12.2.10** shall be responsible for ensuring that the Association complies with the Act, these Rules and all other applicable laws and regulations, including all aspects of the BID Policy.

**12.3** In carrying out the role and exercising the powers set out in this Rule 12, the Executive Committee, and its members, must take into account, engage with and share all BID Programme information with the various types and categories of businesses located within the BID Targeted Rating Area.

### **13. MEMBERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**13.1** The Executive Committee shall consist of:

**13.1.1** A Chairperson and five to eleven voting (Full) Members of the Association; and

**13.1.2** No more than two non-voting members

**13.1.3** No more than one Associate Member who is approved by the Executive Committee under appointed under Rule 13.2.3 (whether with or without voting rights) however it will not be mandatory to have an Associate Member on the Executive Committee at any time. If an Associate Member is appointed to the Executive Committee he or she will hold no voting rights unless appointed to have voting rights under Rules 13.2.2 and 13.2.3; and

**13.2** Subject to Rule 29, the voting members of the Executive Committee shall be:

**13.2.1** At least five (and no more than 11) Full Members of the Association elected by the Association pursuant to Rule 14; and

**13.2.2** if Full Members elected pursuant to Rule 14 do not fill the maximum number of voting positions, any person appointed by the Executive Committee under Rule 13.2.3 to be a voting member of the Executive Committee however such appointments are optional and not mandatory.

**13.2.3** the Executive Committee may from time to time appoint any person who it considers appropriate, and who need not be a Full Member and may be the Local Board Representative, to be a voting or non-voting member of the Executive Committee, and may at any time remove, or change the voting status of, any such appointee; and

**13.2.4** in making any appointment under this Rule 13.2.3, the Executive Committee shall give consideration to achieving a selection of representation across the various types and categories of businesses located within the BID Targeted Rating Area.

**13.3** Each member of the Executive Committee elected pursuant to Rule 14 shall, subject to these Rules, hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual

General Meeting following the date of the member's election, but shall be eligible for re-election.

- 13.4** In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the Executive Committee, if the casual vacancy causes the Executive Committee to have less than the minimum number of voting members the casual vacancy must be filled, and in other cases the casual vacancy may be filled, by the Executive Committee appointing a Full Member (or, if permitted, any other person) as a replacement member of the Executive Committee.
- 13.5** A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy under Rule 13.4 shall hold office subject to these Rules until next Annual General Meeting following the date of appointment.

**14. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 14.1** The election of Full Members as voting members of the Executive Committee shall be conducted at each Annual General Meeting.
- 14.2** Nominations of candidates for election as members of the Executive Committee:
- 14.2.1** shall be made in writing, signed by two Full Members and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination); and
- 14.2.2** shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place.
- 14.3** If the number of nominations received prior to the Annual General Meeting is equal to the maximum number of voting member positions on the Executive Committee, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- 14.4** If the number of nominations received prior to the Annual General Meeting is less than the maximum number of voting member positions on the Executive Committee:
- 14.4.1** the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected; and
- 14.4.2** further nominations, supported by two Full Members, shall be received at the Annual General Meeting, and if the number of nominations received is equal to or less than the number of remaining voting member positions, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- 14.5** If the number of nominations received prior to the Annual General Meeting exceeds the maximum number of voting member positions on the Executive Committee, a poll shall be held to elect the voting members, or the remaining members, as the case may be.
- 14.6** Any such poll shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Executive Committee may direct.

- 14.7** In the event of an equality of votes between two or more candidates for the last remaining voting member position or positions, an exhaustive poll will be held to determine the person elected.

**15. CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

- 15.1** Unless the Association determines otherwise at an Annual General Meeting, the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association will be members of the Executive Committee elected to such positions by the Executive Committee at the first monthly meeting following the Annual General meeting.

- 15.2** The election or appointment of the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be conducted by such standard voting method (for example, show of hands or poll).

- 15.3** The Secretary and Treasurer are non voting positions, unless invited to do so by the Executive Committee.

- 15.4** The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer must each be a member of the Executive Committee, and cannot hold more than one of those positions at the same time. In addition, if the Local Board Representative is a member of the Executive Committee, he or she may not:

**15.4.1** be the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer; or

**15.4.2** vote on the election of the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer.

- 15.5** The role of the Chairperson shall include:

**15.5.1** overseeing the affairs of the Association and the Executive Committee;

**15.5.2** providing leadership to the Association and the Executive Committee;

**15.5.3** presiding over General Meetings and Executive Committee meetings and signing off the minutes of meetings (if present at such meetings); and

**15.5.4** fulfilling any other responsibilities under these Rules or the Act or other applicable legislation, or conferred upon the Chairperson by the Association or the Executive Committee from time to time.

- 15.6** The role of the Secretary shall include:

**15.6.1** acting as the statutory or contact officer for the Association, and maintaining the Association's registry and other records under the Act and any other applicable legislation;

**15.6.2** receiving and issuing, or overseeing the receipt and issue of, notices and other such correspondence for the Association;

**15.6.3** ensuring that the register of Members is properly maintained;

**15.6.4** ensuring that minutes of General Meetings and Executive Committee meetings, records of elections and appointments of Executive Committee members and Officers, and other internal records of the Association are kept and maintained; and

**15.6.5** fulfilling any other responsibilities, under the Act, these Rules, or under any applicable legislation under these Rules or the Act or other applicable legislation, or conferred upon the Secretary by the Association or Executive Committee from time to time.

If at any time there is no Secretary, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for the Secretary's role and shall ensure that a Secretary is elected or appointed as soon as reasonably practicable.

**15.7** The role of the Treasurer shall include:

**15.7.1** ensuring that all money due to the Association is received and all payments authorised by the Association are made;

**15.7.2** ensuring that correct books and accounts and other financial records are kept and maintained showing the financial affairs of the Association, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association; and

**15.7.3** fulfilling any other responsibilities under these Rules or the Act or other applicable legislation, or conferred upon the Treasurer by the Association or Executive Committee from time to time.

If at any time there is no Treasurer, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for the Treasurer's role and shall ensure that a Treasurer is elected or appointed as soon as reasonably practicable.

**15.8** Notwithstanding anything in this Rule 15, if permitted by law and approved by the Association at an Annual General Meeting, in the event that no member of the Executive Committee is qualified, or wishes, to act as Secretary or Treasurer, the Executive Committee may engage a professionally qualified person (not necessarily a member of the Association) to carry out the role of Secretary or Treasurer.

**15.9** The Association or Executive Committee may elect or appoint a member of the Executive Committee to any other role, as determined by the Association or Executive Committee, as an officer of the Association (for example, a Deputy Chairperson to act in place of the Chairperson if the Chairperson is unavailable to undertake his or her role).

## **16. AUDITOR**

**16.1** The Auditor shall be appointed by the Association on an annual basis to carry out the functions set out in this rule. To maximise transparency, first consideration will be given to a suitable Auditor outside of the membership of the Association.

**16.2** No person who is an Officer of a member of the Executive Committee may be appointed as the Auditor.

**16.3**The Auditor shall be supplied with a copy of the accounts and statements. It shall be the Auditors duty to thoroughly examine the accounts and statements.

**16.4**The Auditor shall be provided with a list of all books kept by the Association and shall at all reasonable times have access to the books and documents of the Association. The Auditor may, in investigation such accounts, examine the Executive Committee of any Officers of the Association. The Executive Committee and Officers of the Association shall at all times render all assistance to the Auditor.

**16.5**The Auditor shall be a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and shall conduct the Audit pursuant to the guidelines of that Institute.

**16.6**The Auditor shall provide members with a report regarding the accounts and statements. In that report, the Auditor shall state, whether in their opinion, the accounts and statements are full and fair and contain the particulars required by the rules and exhibit a true and correct view of the Associations affairs. The report shall be read together with the report of the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting. The independent auditors report will be forwarded to the Council.

## **17. CASUAL VACANCIES**

**17.1** For the purposes of these Rules, a casual vacancy in the office of a member of the Executive Committee occurs (unless stated otherwise, immediately upon the occurrence of the relevant event), if the individual:

**17.1.1** dies;

**17.1.2** ceases to be a Member of the Association;

**17.1.3** was elected or appointed on the basis of his or her position as representative of a non-individual Member and ceases to be that Member's representative;

**17.1.4** resigns from office by notice in writing given to the Secretary, in which case the individual will cease to hold office at the time specified in the notice (or if no time is specified, immediately upon the Secretary's receipt of the notice);

**17.1.5** becomes disqualified under Rule 17;

**17.1.6** is removed from office at a General Meeting under Rule 17; or

**17.1.7** fails to attend three General Meetings or Executive Committee meetings in succession without apologies being tendered and accepted by resolution of the Executive Committee, or without having been granted leave of absence by resolution of the Executive Committee.

**17.1.8** Commits a crime punishable by imprisonment.

**18. DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**18.1** An individual is not permitted to be elected or appointed, or to continue to hold office, as a member of the Executive Committee if the individual:

**18.1.1** is, or becomes, an undischarged bankrupt;

**18.1.2** is, or becomes, prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or from being concerned or taking part in the management of, a company under any of the Companies Act 1993, the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013, or the Takeovers Act 1993;

**18.1.3** has been, or is, convicted of, and sentenced within the last seven years for, any crime involving dishonesty (within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Crimes Act 1961), or any offence under section 143B of the Tax Administration Act 1994, or any offence in a country other than New Zealand that is substantially similar to those offences, or any money laundering offence or offence relating to the financing of terrorism whether in New Zealand or elsewhere;

**18.1.4** is, or becomes, subject to an order under section 108 of the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act 2003, or a confiscation order under the Proceeds of Crimes Act 1991;

**18.1.5** is, or becomes, subject to an order made under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988 or a mentally disordered person within the meaning of the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992; or

**18.1.6** is, or becomes, disqualified from acting as an officer of an incorporated society under the Act or any other applicable legislation, or as an officer of a charitable entity under section 31(4)(b) of the Charities Act 2005.

**18.2** The Association may, by resolution passed at a General Meeting, remove and replace any member of the Executive Committee from office provided that the proposed resolution must be notified to the relevant member of the Executive Committee at the time the General Meeting is called.

**18.3** A member of the Executive Committee to whom a proposed resolution referred to in Rule 18.1 relates may:

**18.3.1** make representations in writing (not exceeding a reasonable length) to the Secretary or Chairperson; and

**18.3.2** request that the representations be notified to the Members of the Association;

and the Secretary or Chairperson may send a copy of the representations to the Members of the Association. If they are not so sent, the member is

entitled to require that the representations be read out at the General Meeting at which the resolution is considered.

## **19. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND QUORUM**

- 19.1** The Executive Committee shall endeavour to meet monthly but in all events shall meet not less than six times in each period of 12 months, and at such time and place as shall be decided by the Executive Committee and notified to members by the Secretary.
- 19.2** A minimum of five (5) voting members of the Executive Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction.
- 19.3** Additional meetings of the Executive Committee may be convened by the Chairperson or by any two members of the Executive Committee at any time.
- 19.4** Meetings may be held by way of a quorum of members of the Executive Committee:
- 19.4.1** meeting in person or by utilising technology, audio, or audio and visual, communication (enabling all executive committee members participating in the meeting to be able to simultaneously communicate with each other throughout the meeting), at the date, time and place appointed for the meeting; and/or
  - 19.4.2** connecting with other members by means of utilising technology, audio, or audio and visual, communication (enabling all those participating in the meeting to be able to simultaneously communicate with each other throughout the meeting) at the date and time appointed for the meeting (and references to members attending or being present at a meeting are to be interpreted accordingly);
- provided that if it is proposed that a meeting be held without any provision for meeting in person, the technology used to facilitate participation by members must be technology that all members can reasonably be expected to be able to access and use.
- 19.5** Oral or written notice (including by way of email) of a meeting of the Executive Committee and the agenda for the meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each member of the Executive Committee at least 48 hours (or such other period as may be unanimously agreed upon by the members of the Executive Committee) before the date appointed for the meeting. Any irregularity in the notice of any meeting is waived if all members entitled to receive notice of the meeting attend the meeting without protest or agree to the waiver.
- 19.6** For the purpose of Executive Committee meetings, any five (5) members of the Executive Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 19.7** No meeting of the Executive Committee will commence, and no business shall be transacted by the Executive Committee once a meeting has commenced, unless a quorum is present. In order to commence a meeting,

a quorum must be present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting. If a quorum is not present by that time, the meeting stands adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.

- 19.8** If at the adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, then any three voting members present shall constitute a quorum.
- 19.9** At a meeting of the Executive Committee the Chairperson or, in the Chairperson's absence, any member of the Executive Committee present at the meeting appointed by the Chairperson, or otherwise by the Executive Committee, to stand in place of the Chairperson, shall preside.
- 19.10** Voting on resolutions at meetings of the Executive Committee shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 19 and full and accurate minutes must be kept by the Secretary of such meetings, including all resolutions voted on, with such minutes to be approved by the Executive Committee and signed by the Chairperson (or presiding member) as a true and correct record at the next Executive Committee meeting.

## **20. VOTING AND DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 20.1** For the purpose of decisions of the Executive Committee at meetings, subject to Rules 29, the voting rights of members of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:
  - 20.1.1** each Full Member shall be entitled to one vote; and
  - 20.1.2** subject to Rule 15.3, each person appointed under Rule 13..2.3 as a voting member shall be entitled to one vote.
- 20.2** Matters arising at a meeting of the Executive Committee or of any subcommittee appointed by the Executive committee shall be determined by a majority of the votes of members of that committee meeting and entitled to vote.
- 20.3** The Chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote, but only to preserve the status quo.
  - 20.4** In lieu of making decisions at meetings, unless these Rules provide otherwise, matters may be determined by the Executive Committee by circulating a written resolution or resolutions to all members of the Executive Committee for approval, provided that any such resolution or resolution will only be passed if it is signed or assented to in writing by all of the voting members of the Executive Committee for the time being. The resolution or resolutions may consist of one or more documents in like form (including letters, facsimiles, email or other similar means of communication) each signed or assented to by one or more voting members.
- 20.5** For the avoidance of doubt, subject to this Rule 19 the Executive Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Executive Committee, and any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered by

the Executive Committee is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of that committee.

## **21. SUBCOMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT AND DELEGATION**

- 21.1** The Executive Committee may from time to time establish (and disestablish), set terms of reference for, and delegate functions and powers and/or give directions to, any subcommittee as the Executive Committee thinks fit, and any such committee may include Executive Committee members, Members of the Association or other persons, provided that if any committee is not limited to Executive Committee members such members must constitute a majority of the subcommittee and/or have approval or veto rights in relation to the subcommittee's decisions.
- 21.2** Any function or power which has been delegated to a subcommittee under this Rule may be exercised by that committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation, while the delegation remains unrevoked.
- 21.3** Notwithstanding any delegation under this Rule, the Executive Committee may continue to exercise any function or power that has been delegated.
- 21.4** Any act or thing done or suffered by a subcommittee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this Rule has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the Executive Committee.
- 21.5** The Executive Committee may, in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this Rule.
- 21.6** Subject to the terms of reference and delegation set by the Executive Committee, a sub-committee may meet and deal with matters within its terms of reference and delegation as it thinks proper and for this purpose, unless the Executive Committee directs otherwise, the provisions of these Rules relating to Executive Committee meetings, voting and resolutions will apply, with all necessary modifications, to the sub-committee.

## **CHAPTER 5 - GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **22. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 22.1** The Association shall at least once in each calendar year, within the period of four months after the end of each Financial Year, convene an Annual General Meeting of its Members, and in addition to such meetings, other meetings of the Association's Members, referred to as Special General Meetings, may be held from time to time.
- 22.2** General Meetings shall be held by way of a quorum of Members meeting in person or by utilising technology, audio, or audio and visual, communication (enabling all those participating in the meeting to be able to simultaneously communicate with each other throughout the meeting), at the date, time and place appointed for the General Meeting.

**22.3** A decision on any matter by the Association's Members, and in particular its Full Members, is to be made by way of resolution passed at a General Meeting.

**23. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

**23.1** Each Annual General Meeting of the Association shall, subject to any applicable legislation and Rule 21.1, be convened on such date and at such place and time as the Executive Committee thinks fit.

**23.2** In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting, the business of an Annual General Meeting shall be:

**23.2.1** to present a detailed agenda including clear notation of any Special Resolutions required.

**23.2.2** to confirm the Minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting held since that Annual General Meeting;

**23.2.3** to receive from the Executive Committee a report or reports on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year;

**23.2.4** to receive and approve the Audited Annual Financial Statements for the preceding Financial Year;

**23.2.5** to receive and approve the proposed Strategic Action Plan, and detailed income & expenditure budget for the following financial year;

**23.2.6** to receive and approve the proposed BID targeted rate fund amount for the following Financial Year, provided that any increase to the BID targeted rate grant amount is by more than 10% or \$10,000 (whichever is greater) over the current year's BID targeted rate grant amount must be approved by Special Resolution.

**23.2.7** to receive and approve the proposed BID targeted rate fund amount;

**23.2.8** to approve the annual accountability reporting as required and set out in the BID Policy;

**23.2.9** to elect members of the Executive Committee;

**23.2.10** to appoint an Auditor for the current Financial Year; and

**23.2.11** to deal with any general business.

**23.3** An Annual General Meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening the meeting.

**23.4** For the purposes of Section 23 of the Act, the Association's financial year shall end on 30 June

## **24. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 24.1** The Executive Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting of the Association.
- 24.2** The Executive Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than five percent of the total number of Full Members, convene a special meeting of the Association.
- 24.3** A requisition of Members for a Special General Meeting:
- 24.3.1** shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting;
  - 24.3.2** shall be signed by the Members making the requisition;
  - 24.3.3** shall be submitted to the Secretary;
  - 24.3.4** may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the Members making the requisition.
- 24.4** If the Executive Committee fails to convene a Special General Meeting to be held within one month after the date on which a requisition of full members for the meeting is lodged with the Secretary, any one or more of the Members who made the requisition may convene a Special General Meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- 24.5** A Special General Meeting convened by a Full Member or Full Members as referred to in Rule 24.4 shall be deemed to have been convened by the Executive Committee.
- 24.6** The business to be conducted at a Special General Meeting shall be limited to the business for which the Special General Meeting in question was convened, as set out in the agenda included with the notice of the meeting.

## **25. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 25.1** Notice of a General Meeting is to be sent, and the Secretary must ensure that such notice is sent, to each Member:
- 25.1.1** in the case of an Annual General Meeting or where the nature of any business proposed to be dealt with at a General Meeting requires a Special Resolution, at least 21 days before the date fixed for holding the General Meeting; and
  - 25.1.2** in any other case, at least 21 days before the date fixed for holding the General Meeting.
- 25.2** Subject to the further requirements set out in Rules 25.1, notice of any General Meeting must be sent by prepaid post or by email to each Full Member at the Member's physical and/or email address recorded in the register of Members and must specify the place, date and time of the meeting (and if applicable, any additional details in relation to Members participating in the meeting) and an agenda setting out the

nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

**25.3** Where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a General Meeting requires a Special Resolution of the Association, in addition to meeting the requirements under Rule 25.1, notice of the meeting must:

**25.3.1** specify the intention to pass a Special Resolution and identify the subject matter of that resolution; and

**25.3.2** in any case where a proposed Special Resolution is to approve the amount of BID targeted rate grant for a Financial Year which is an increase by more than 10% or \$10,000 (whichever is greater) over the current year's grant amount, draw particular attention to the matter and clearly distinguish it from any other notice being given at the same time. As a minimum, this shall involve the notice being given in a separate document which does not contain any communication about any other matter and which is headed: **"IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS: NOTICE OF INTENDED SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE BID TARGETED RATE GRANT BY MORE THAN 10% OR \$10,000."**

**25.4** No business other than that specified in the notice convening a General Meeting shall be transacted at the meeting, except in the case of an Annual General Meeting where general business may be transacted.

**25.5** A Member desiring to bring any business before a General Meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the Secretary who shall include that business in the next notice calling a General Meeting given after receipt of the notice from the Member.

## **26. PROCEDURE FOR GENERAL MEETINGS**

**26.1** No General Meeting will commence, and no business shall be transacted by the Association once such a meeting has commenced, unless a quorum is present.

**26.2** For the purpose of General Meetings, a quorum shall be established if at least ten (10) Full Members present (inclusive of Executive Committee members who are Full Members).

**26.3** If, within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a General Meeting, a quorum is not present, then the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the time and at the same place (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to Members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned).

**26.4** If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the Full Members present shall constitute a quorum.

**26.5** Voting on resolutions at meetings of the Executive Committee shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 29.4 and full and accurate minutes must be kept by the Secretary of such meetings, including all resolutions voted

on, with such minutes to be approved by the Association and signed by the Chairperson (or presiding member) as a true and correct record at the next General Meeting or, in the case of Annual General Meeting minutes, at the next Annual General Meeting.

## **27. PRESIDING MEMBER**

- 27.1** Subject to Rule 26.2, the Chairperson shall preside at each General Meeting of the Association.
- 27.2** If the Chairperson is absent from a General Meeting, or unable or unwilling to act, any Deputy Chairperson (if previously elected or appointed) or otherwise one of the Members present and elected at the meeting shall preside at the meeting and shall be deemed to be the Chairperson at that meeting.

## **28. ADJOURNMENT**

- 28.1** The Chairperson of a General Meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of Full Members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place. No business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- 28.2** Where a General Meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the Secretary shall give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each Member of the Association as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event before the date of the meeting. The notice shall state the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- 28.3** Except as provided in Rule 27.2, notice of an adjournment of a General Meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

## **29. MEMBER VOTING AND DECISIONS**

- 29.1** In relation to any matter arising for resolution at a General Meeting, each Full Member attending the meeting has one vote only.
- 29.2** All votes shall be cast personally by each Full Member attending the meeting in person or utilising technology, audio, or audio and visual, communication (enabling all those participating in the meeting to be able to vote and have their vote recorded), (that is, by the individual Member or, if the Member is not an individual, the Member's representative), and no proxy votes will be allowed.
- 29.3** In the case of an equal number of votes on any matter arising for resolution at a General Meeting, the Chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote, but only to defeat the question and preserve the status quo.
- 29.4** Subject to Rule 29.2, a resolution on any matter arising at a General Meeting of the Association shall be determined on a show of hands and, unless a poll is demanded before or on the declaration of a show of hands, a declaration by the Chairperson (for example, that a resolution has, on a

show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost) or an entry to that effect has been entered in the Minute Book of the Association shall constitute evidence of the outcome of the resolution without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.

**29.5** In relation to a resolution on any matter arising at a General Meeting, a poll may be demanded by the Chairperson or by not less than ten Full Members present at the meeting. Where a poll is demanded on any matter at a General Meeting, the poll shall be taken:

**29.5.1** immediately in the case of a poll which relates to the election of the Chairperson of the meeting or the question of adjournment of the meeting; or

**29.5.2** in any other case, in such manner and at such time before the closing of the meeting as the Chairperson directs.

### **30. SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

**30.1A** resolution of the Association is a Special Resolution if;

**30.1.1** It is passed by the majority of those Full Members present; or

**30.1.2** The Resolution is passed at a General Meeting; and

**30.1.3** Not less than 21 days written notice of the meeting has been given to the Full Members specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution

## **CHAPTER 6 – RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROTECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OTHERS**

### **31. RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE ASSOCIATION**

In undertaking their respective roles with the Association, members of the Executive Committee, and officers and other personnel of the Association, must at all times:

**31.1** act in good faith in the best interests of the Association, in terms of the advancement or attainment of its objects;

**31.2** comply with these Rules, and with the Act and any other applicable law; and

**31.3** exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonable and prudent person would exercise in handling the affairs of others, and not permit the operations and affairs of the Association to be carried on recklessly or imprudently.

### **32. LIMITED PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY**

**32.1** No current or former member of the Executive Committee or officer or other personnel of the Association will be liable for any loss suffered or incurred by the

Association arising from any act or omission of the person, unless the loss is attributable to:

**32.1.1** criminal activity, fraud, dishonesty or bad faith on the part of the person; or

**32.1.2** any wilful conduct of the person known by the person to be a breach of that person's obligations to the Association, or any obligation in connection with their role with the Association.

**32.2** Current and former members of the Executive Committee and officers and other personnel of the Association are entitled to be indemnified by the Association, out of the property and funds of the Association, against all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, losses, demands, calls, liabilities, costs (including legal cost) and expenses (together called "Liabilities") suffered or incurred by that person in carrying out their role with the Association, except to the extent that any such Liability is attributable to:

**32.2.1** criminal activity, fraud, dishonesty or bad faith on the part of the person; or

**32.2.2** any wilful conduct of the person known by the person to be a breach of that person's obligations to the Association, or any obligation in connection with their role with the Association.

**32.3** If and to the extent permitted by law, the Association may arrange insurance for the benefit of current and former members of the Executive Committee and officers and other personnel of the Association in relation to any liabilities covered by the limitation of liability and indemnification provided under this Rule 42 and meet the cost of such insurance out of the Association's property and funds.

## **CHAPTER 7 - NO PRIVATE PECUNIARY PROFIT AND MANAGING CONFLICTS**

### **33. NO PRIVATE PECUNIARY PROFIT**

**33.1** The property and funds of the Association are irrevocably dedicated to objects of the Association as set out in Rule 3, unless and until the Association is wound up or restructuring occurs in accordance with Rule 47.

**33.2** The Association's property and funds shall not be applied or distributed for the private pecuniary profit of any person, including any Member, any Executive Committee member or any officer or personnel of the Association. For the avoidance of doubt, this shall not preclude:

**33.2.1** any benefit to Members or any other person from the Association's operations that is incidental or ancillary to, or an inevitable concomitant of, the advancement or attainment of the Association's objects as set out in Rule 3;

**33.2.2** reimbursement of any expenses properly incurred by any Member or Executive Committee member, or any officer or other personnel of the Association, acting for or on behalf of the Association;

**33.2.3** payment of reasonable remuneration (at not more than an arm's length rate) to any officer or other personnel of the Association (whether or not such person is a Member or Executive Committee member) in return for services rendered to the Association;

- 33.2.4** payment of usual professional, business or trade charges (set at not more than an arm's length rate) for services rendered, time expended and acts done by any officer or other personnel of the Association (whether or not such person is a Member or Executive Committee member), or by any firm or entity of which such person is a member, employee or associate, in connection with the affairs of the Association; and
- 33.2.5** retention by any officer or other personnel of the Association (whether or not such person is a Member or Executive Committee member) of any reasonable remuneration payable to that person by any company or undertaking with which the Association may be concerned or involved for which that person has acted in any capacity whatever, notwithstanding that the person's connection with that company or undertaking is in any way attributable to their connection with the Association.

#### **34. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**34.1** The Association may enter into a transaction in respect of which any Member (including any representative of a non-individual Member), Executive Committee member, officer or other personnel of the Association is interested, provided that if any such Member, Executive Committee member, officer or other personnel is interested in any transaction that will or may be entered into by the Association:

**34.1.1** the interested person must, immediately upon becoming aware that he or she is Interested in the transaction, notify the Secretary of:

- (a) the fact of his or her interest in the transaction; and
- (b) the nature of his or her interest and either the monetary value of the interest (if the monetary value of the interest is able to be quantified) or the extent of the interest (if the monetary value of the interest is not able to be quantified);
- (c) the Secretary must ensure that the Association keeps a record of the interest disclosed by the interested person; and

**34.1.2** the interested person:

- (a) must not be involved in deliberations on any matter relating to the transaction, and for the purpose of any meeting will not be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum and will not be entitled to vote on a resolution on any matter relating to the transaction;
- (b) subject to paragraph (a), may attend any meeting that is not limited to dealing with matters relating to the transaction, and may be included among the attendees at the meeting for the purpose of establishing a quorum to

commence the meeting and to deal with other matters at the meeting; and

- (c) must not sign any contract or other document relating to the transaction, or attend to any other material matter in relation to the transaction.

**34.2** For the purpose of Rule 33, a person is interested in any transaction if the person:

**34.2.1** is a party to, or will or may derive a material financial benefit from, the transaction; or

**34.2.2** has a material financial interest in another party to the transaction, or is a director or officer (or holds any other similar position) in respect of another party to the transaction or any other person who will or may derive a material financial benefit from the transaction (unless that other party or person is owned or controlled by the Association), or is the parent, child, spouse, civil union partner, or de facto partner of another party to, or a person who will or may derive a material financial benefit from, the transaction; or

**34.2.3** otherwise has, directly or indirectly, any material interest in the transaction;

but does not include any interest that is the same as that of other Members on account of their membership, or any interest that is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence the person in carrying out their responsibilities.

**34.3** The Association shall establish and maintain an interests register, which shall be the responsibility of the Secretary and in which shall be include a dated record of interests disclosed in accordance with Rule 34.1.

## **CHAPTER 8 – PLANNING, REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

### **35. PLANS AND REPORTS, INCLUDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**35.1** For the purpose of planning the Association's operations and affairs, the Executive Committee shall ensure that the Association has:

**35.1.1** for each Financial Year, a detailed annual plan regarding the operations and affairs of the Association for the Financial Year and an annual budget showing expected income and expenditure of the Association for the Financial Year; and

**35.1.2** a strategic plan covering three to five Financial Years, which must be reviewed and revised (or replaced) at least once every three Financial Years.

**35.2** For the purpose of measuring performance and reporting to Members and other stakeholders regarding the Association's operations and affairs, including its financial performance, the

Executive Committee shall ensure that the Association has, for each Financial Year:

**35.2.1** an annual report reviewing the Association's operation and affairs, including its financial performance, for the relevant Financial Year; and

**35.2.2** audited Annual Financial Statements for the Financial Year;

and the annual report and audited Annual Financial Statements shall be finalised for presentation to the Members at the Annual General Meeting following the end of the relevant Financial Year.

**35.3** The Association's annual plans and budgets, strategic plans, annual reports and audited Annual Financial Statements shall be made available to all Members, and to the Council, including the Local Board;

**35.4** Any other reporting requirements as required under the BID Policy.

## **36. AUDITING OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**36.1** An Auditor shall be appointed by the Association on an annual basis, at an Annual General Meeting, to audit the Association's Annual Financial Statements.

**36.2** If any casual vacancy occurs in the office of any Auditor appointed by the Association at an Annual General Meeting the Executive Committee shall appoint an Auditor to carry on the duties of the Auditor until the next Annual General Meeting.

**36.3** No person who is a Member or an Executive Committee member, or any other officer or personnel of the Association, may be appointed as Auditor.

**36.4** Every Auditor shall be supplied with a copy of the accounts, statements and other information of the Association, as required for the Auditor to carry out the audit of the Association's Annual Financial Statements. It shall be the Auditor's role to thoroughly examine the accounts, statements, and such other information as is requested.

**36.5** The Auditor shall be a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (or any equivalent or successor organisation) and conduct the audit in terms of any applicable requirements or guidelines of that organisation.

**36.6** The Executive Committee shall ensure that the Auditor provides the Association with an audit report regarding the Association's Annual Financial Statements. In that report, the Auditor shall state whether, in his or her opinion, the Annual Financial Statements are full and fair and contain the particulars required by these Rules and any other applicable law, and whether the statements have been properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Association's financial affairs.

**36.7** The Auditor's audit report shall be made available to all Members, and to the Council, including the Local Board.

## **CHAPTER 9 – RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES**

### **37. MEMBER MISCONDUCT/DISCIPLINE**

Any complaint or matter relating to the conduct of any Member (including any representative of any Member which is not an individual) shall be handled in accordance with Rule 11.

### **38. OTHER COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES**

**38.1** Subject to Rule 37, in relation to any other complaint or grievance in relation to the Association's operations, including any complaint or grievance raised by any Member in relation to the conduct of the Association, the Executive Committee or any of its members, or any officer or personnel of the Association:

**38.1.1** any complaint or grievance relating to the conduct of the Executive Committee or any majority of its members must be referred by the Executive Committee to an appropriately qualified external person appointed by the Executive Committee for investigation and determination; and

**38.1.2** any other complaint or grievance must be dealt with in a fair, efficient and effective manner, for which purpose the relevant matter shall be investigated and determined by the Executive Committee, or by a subcommittee or an appropriately qualified external person appointed by the Executive Committee to investigate and report, or to investigate and make a decision or recommendation, on the matter.

**38.2A** complaint or grievance need not be investigated any further or determined if the external person appointed under Rule 38.1.1 or the Executive Committee or other relevant person under Rule 38.1.2, as the case may be, determines that the complaint or grievance is trivial, or is without any foundation or evidential support, or does not disclose any material misconduct or any material damage to the complainant or to any person's rights or interests in respect of the Association's operations, or has already been investigated and dealt with by or on behalf of the Association.

## **CHAPTER 10 – GENERAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **39. INCORPORATION AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

**39.1** The Association is to be incorporated under the Act and such incorporation is to be maintained, unless and until the Association is wound up or restructuring occurs in accordance with Rule 47.

**39.2** For the purpose of registration under the Act and any other applicable legislation, the Association's registered office, which must be in New Zealand, and its address for communication and any other contact details

(including, without limitation, address, telephone/mobile and email details), will be determined by the Executive Committee from time to time.

- 39.3** The Association's registered office and its address for communication and any other contact details, as amended from time to time, must be made available to all Members and to the Council, including the Local Board.

**40. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS**

- 40.1** The funds of the Association must be used in furtherance of the objects of the Association and, subject to any resolution passed by the Association in General Meeting and compliance with these Rules, the funds of the Association shall be used to pursue those objects in such manner as the Executive Committee determines.
- 40.2** The Association shall have an account or accounts with a bank or banks, as determined by the Executive Committee from time to time, for receiving and making payments.
- 40.3** All payments, including electronic payments, cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed or endorsed by any two members of the Executive Committee or other officers or personnel of the Association authorised to do so by the Executive Committee.

**41. CONTRACTING AND COMMON SEAL**

**41.1** Unless the Act or any other applicable law requires otherwise:

- 41.1.1** any deed to be executed and delivered by the Association may be signed on behalf of the Association by two or more members of the Executive Committee acting under the authority of the Executive Committee, or by affixation of the Association common seal in accordance with Rule 41.2;
- 41.1.2** any contract or other obligation required by law to be in writing, and any other written contract or obligation to be entered into by the Association, may be signed on behalf of the Association by a member of the Executive Committee or another person acting under authority of the Executive Committee; and
- 41.1.3** any other contract or obligation may be entered into on behalf of the Association in writing or orally by a member of the Executive Committee or another person acting under authority of the Executive Committee.
- 41.2** Unless no longer required under the Act or any other applicable law, the Executive Committee shall ensure that the Association has a common seal, which shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary. The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Executive Committee. The affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures of two members of the Executive Committee and such affixing shall be recorded in the Association's records.

**42. INSURANCE**

- 42.1** The Association shall effect and maintain full and proper insurance, including public liability insurance.
- 42.2** In addition to the insurance required under Rule 42.1, the Association may effect and maintain other insurance as may be necessary or expedient for the operations and affairs of the Association.

**43. RECORD KEEPING**

**43.1** The Executive Committee must ensure that full and accurate records are kept and maintained in respect of the Association and its operations and affairs, in written form or in a form or in a manner that allows such records to be easily accessible and convertible into written form, including:

- 43.1.1** these Rules and any by-laws, regulations or policies, including any alteration, rescission or replacement of any of these Rules or any such by-law, regulations or policies, any subcommittee or other delegations and terms of reference, and all other legal information and documentation relating to transactions and other arrangements entered into by the Association and other aspects of its affairs;
- 43.1.2** the Register of Members, and any further records as it may be necessary or appropriate to keep and maintain in respect of the register and matters relating to the Association's Members;
- 43.1.3** the interests register recording disclosures of interests;
- 43.1.4** the election, appointment or engagement of Executive Committee members, officers and other personnel, the cessation of any such election, appointment or engagement;
- 43.1.5** minutes and any other appropriate records in respect the Association's proceedings, including minutes of General Meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee, and Member and Executive Committee resolutions passed at such meetings or by way of written resolution;
- 43.1.6** the strategic plans and annual plans, budgets and reports for the Association, and any other such plans and reports;
- 43.1.7** full and accurate records and accounts of all receipts, credits, payments, assets, liabilities, transactions and other matters necessary for giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association, the Association's Annual Financial Statements, and any related audit reports; and
- 43.1.8** any other documents and information that it may be necessary or appropriate to keep and maintain in respect of the Association and its operations and affairs;

and to the extent that such internal records may be kept and maintained, a backup copy or copies of such records must be produced from time to time

(and at least quarterly) and kept at different premises from the original records.

**43.2** The Executive Committee must ensure that:

**43.2.1** full and accurate records are kept and maintained in respect of the Association on the Register of Incorporated Societies and any other applicable public register under the Act or any other applicable legislation; and

**43.2.2** for the purpose of Rule 43, the Association prepares and files with any relevant authority any information or document required to be filed under the Act or any other applicable legislation, and the BID Policy including:

- (a) any notice of changes to the Association's details;
- (b) any report or return (for example, an annual return) in relation to the Association's general or financial affairs; and
- (c) the Association's Annual Financial Statements and any related audit reports.
- (d) annual accountability reporting to Auckland Council as required under the BID Policy.

**43.3** In relation to access to the Association's records, without limiting the extent of access that may be permitted by or under the authority of the Executive Committee:

**43.3.1** every Executive Committee member shall be entitled to access all of the Association's records for the purpose of undertaking his or her role, and such records shall be made available to the members accordingly;

**43.3.2** a Member does not have any general entitlement to access all of the Association's records, but records that shall be made available to all Members include:

- (a) these Rules and any by-laws, regulations or policies, including any alteration, rescission or replacement of any of these Rules or any such by-law, regulations or policies, any subcommittee or other delegations and terms of reference,;
- (b) the Register of Members and interests register;
- (c) confirmation of Executive Committee members, officers and other personnel of the Association;
- (d) minutes and other records in respect of General Meetings and Executive Committee meetings, and resolutions;
- (e) the strategic plans and annual plans, budgets and reports for the Association, and any other such plans and reports

- (f) the Association's Annual Financial Statements, and any related audit reports.
- (g) All other accountability reporting requirements set out in the BID Policy

#### **44. SERVICE OF NOTICES**

##### **44.1** For the purposes of these Rules:

**44.1.1** a notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association upon any Member either personally or by sending it by post, email or facsimile to the Member (or, in the case of a non-individual Member, the Member's representative) at the Member's address or number (and/or at the Member's representative's address or number, if different) shown in the register of Members, or to any other current address or number for the Member; and

**44.1.2** a notice may be served on the Association or the Executive Committee, or the Secretary, either personally or by sending it by post, email or facsimile to an address or number shown in the current details for the Association on the Register of Incorporated Societies or on any other public register provided for under legislation, or to any other current address or number for the Association.

**44.2** Where a document is sent to a person by properly addressing, prepaying and posting to the person a letter containing the document, for the purposes of these Rules the document shall be deemed to have been served on the person on the third day after the date on which it was sent.

**44.3** Where an email message and/or any other document is sent to a person by properly addressed email or by facsimile, for the purposes of these Rules it shall be deemed to have been served on the person at the time it was sent, in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

#### **45. AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS**

For the purposes of these Rules, where any information or document is required to be made available to all or any Members, and/or to the Council, including the Local Board, under the BID Policy:

**45.1** the Secretary shall ensure that such any such information or document (or copy of the same) is:

**45.1.1** available for inspection by the person during reasonable hours, upon request and free of charge, at the principal place of administration of the Association; and

**45.1.2** on request, distributed to the person, either personally or by sending it by post, email or facsimile, subject to payment of any reasonable charge for copying and/or distribution; and

**45.2** any such information or document (or copy of the same) may also be made available by:

- 45.2.1** distribution to all relevant persons, either personally or by sending it by post, email or facsimile;
- 45.2.2** publication on the Register of Incorporated Societies or any other public register provided for under the Act or any other applicable legislation, including information as required under the BID Policy; and/or
- 45.2.3** publication or access on or through the Association's official website (if applicable), provided that an appropriate level of security is maintained in relation to such publication or access taking into account the nature and content of the information or document.

## **CHAPTER 11 – CHANGES TO RULES AND WINDING UP/RESTRUCTURING**

### **46. CHANGES TO RULES**

Subject to the provisions of the Act or any other applicable legislation, these Rules, including any provision or provisions set out in these Rules, may be altered, rescinded, added to or replaced, provided that:

- 46.1** any alteration, rescission, addition or replacement must be approved by a Special Resolution;
- 46.2** no such alteration, rescission, addition or replacement will be valid or effective if it would (or purports to):
  - 46.2.1** alter the fundamental nature of the objects of the Association as set out in Rule 3;
  - 46.2.2** allow, or purport to allow, the Association's objects to include, or the Association to be carried on for, pecuniary or financial gain, as referred to in Rules 3 and 33; and/or
  - 46.2.3** allow, in the event of winding up or restructuring, any property and funds of the Association, including surplus on a winding up, to be distributed for any purpose other than for the objects of the Association (or equivalent objects) or otherwise for charitable purposes, as set out in Rule 47; and
- 46.3** any alteration, rescission, addition or replacement that affects the objects or any other provision relevant to the BID Programme, three-year BID targeted rate grant agreement or the BID Programme Targeted Rate Grant will not be valid or effective unless and until it is approved in writing by the Council.

### **47. WINDING UP OR RESTRUCTURING**

- 47.1** Subject to the Act and any other applicable legislation, the Association may be wound up by way of a formal liquidation process, or by the Association winding up its operations and affairs without a formal liquidation and then

applying for the Association to be dissolved, or by any other appropriate process.

**47.2** Any such winding up proposal initiated by the Executive Committee or any Members of the Association must be approved and confirmed by the Association at two consecutive General Meetings, as follows:

**47.2.1** The first General Meeting shall be called to pass a Special Resolution to wind up the Association (including the appointment of a liquidator, if applicable).

**47.2.2** If such a Special Resolution is passed, a second meeting shall be called, to be held not earlier than 30 days after the first meeting, to confirm that resolution.

**47.3** Under any such winding up proposal approved and confirmed by the Association:

**47.3.1** All of debts and liabilities of the Association must first be discharged

**47.3.2** If there remains, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any surplus property or funds, that surplus shall not be paid or distributed to any Member and shall instead be distributed or applied for the objects of the Association and/or for charitable purposes in or for the benefit of the BID Targeted Rating Area, which may include a transfer to any other New Zealand organisation that operates for such objects or purposes in or for the benefit of the area and not for private pecuniary profit.

**47.4** For the avoidance of doubt, the distribution or application of any surplus under Rule 46.2.3 shall be in accordance with the resolution of the Association approving or confirming the winding up proposal or, if such resolution does not deal with the matter, then as determined by the Executive Committee, or in any other case as a Judge of the High Court of New Zealand directs.

**47.5** Subject to the Act and any other applicable legislation, the Association may pursue and implement, in conjunction with, prior to or independent of any winding up proposal, any amalgamation or merger proposal under which the operations of the Association would become part of the operations of another entity or the operations of another entity would become part of the Association operations, provided that any such amalgamation or merger:

**47.5.1** must be approved and confirmed by the Association at two consecutive General Meetings, as in the case of a winding up proposal under Rule 47.2; and

**47.5.2** no such amalgamation or merger is permitted if it would allow (or purport to allow) any of the property or funds of the Association:

- (a) to be used by the Association or any other organisation or entity for objects other than the objects of the Association as set out in Rule 3 (or equivalent objects) or for pecuniary or financial gain as referred to in Rules 3 and 33; and/or
- (b) in the event of any subsequent winding up or restructuring, to be distributed or applied for any purpose other than for the objects of the Association (or equivalent objects) or otherwise for charitable purposes, as referred to in Rule 47; and

**47.5.3** any amalgamation or merger that affects the objects or any other provision set out in the Rules relevant to the BID Programme, under the three-year BID Targeted Rate Grant Agreement or the BID Programme Targeted Rate Grant will not be permitted unless and until it is approved in writing by the Council.

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## New Zealand Legislation

### 48. Incorporated Societies Act 2022

If you need more information about this Act, please contact the administering agency: **Ministry of Business, Innovation, and**

**Employment**

## Schedule 2 Optional dispute resolution procedures

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### 48.1 1 Overview of this schedule

- (1) [Section 39](#) requires the procedures in a society's constitution relating to disputes to be consistent with the rules of natural justice.
- (2) A society may choose (but is not required) to include the procedures in this schedule in its constitution.
- (3) The procedures in a society's constitution must be treated as being consistent with the rules of natural justice if those procedures consist of—
  - (a) all of the procedures in this schedule; and
  - (b) any additional procedures that are consistent with those procedures.

### 48.2 2 How complaint is made

- (1) A member or an officer may make a complaint by giving to the committee (or a complaints subcommittee) a notice in writing that—
  - (a) states that the member or officer is starting a procedure for resolving a dispute in accordance with the society's constitution; and
  - (b) sets out the allegation to which the dispute relates and whom the allegation is against; and
  - (c) sets out any other information reasonably required by the society.
- (2) The society may make a complaint involving an allegation against a member or an officer by giving to the member or officer a notice in writing that—
  - (a) states that the society is starting a procedure for resolving a dispute in accordance with the society's constitution; and
  - (b) sets out the allegation to which the dispute relates.
- (3) The information given under subclause (1) (b) or (2) (b) must be enough to ensure that a person against whom an allegation is made is fairly advised of the allegation concerning them, with sufficient details given to enable them to prepare a response.
- (4) A complaint may be made in any other reasonable manner permitted by the society's constitution.

### 48.3 3 Person who makes complaint has right to be heard

- (1) A member or an officer who makes a complaint has a right to be heard before the complaint is resolved or any outcome is determined.
- (2) If the society makes a complaint,—
  - (a) the society has a right to be heard before the complaint is resolved or any outcome is determined; and
  - (b) an officer may exercise that right on behalf of the society.

- (3) Without limiting the manner in which the member, officer, or society may be given the right to be heard, they must be taken to have been given the right if—
- (a) they have a reasonable opportunity to be heard in writing or at an oral hearing (if one is held); and
  - (b) an oral hearing is held if the decision maker considers that an oral hearing is needed to ensure an adequate hearing; and
  - (c) an oral hearing (if any) is held before the decision maker; and
  - (d) the member's, officer's, or society's written statement or submissions (if any) are considered by the decision maker.

**48.4****4** Person who is subject of complaint has right to be heard

- (1) This clause applies if a complaint involves an allegation that a member, an officer, or the society (the **respondent**)—
- (a) has engaged in misconduct; or
  - (b) has breached, or is likely to breach, a duty under the society's constitution or bylaws or this Act; or (c) has damaged the rights or interests of a member or the rights or interests of members generally.
- (2) The respondent has a right to be heard before the complaint is resolved or any outcome is determined.
- (3) If the respondent is the society, an officer may exercise the right on behalf of the society.
- (4) Without limiting the manner in which a respondent may be given a right to be heard, a respondent must be taken to have been given the right if—
- (a) the respondent is fairly advised of all allegations concerning the respondent, with sufficient details and time given to enable the respondent to prepare a response; and
  - (b) the respondent has a reasonable opportunity to be heard in writing or at an oral hearing (if one is held); and
  - (c) an oral hearing is held if the decision maker considers that an oral hearing is needed to ensure an adequate hearing; and
  - (d) an oral hearing (if any) is held before the decision maker; and
  - (e) the respondent's written statement or submissions (if any) are considered by the decision maker.

**48.5****5** Investigating and determining dispute

- (1) A society must, as soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving or becoming aware of a complaint made in accordance with its constitution, ensure that the dispute is investigated and determined.
- (2) Disputes must be dealt with under the constitution in a fair, efficient, and effective manner.

**48.6****6** Society may decide not to proceed further with complaint

Despite [clause 5](#), a society may decide not to proceed further with a complaint if—

- (a) the complaint is trivial; or
- (b) the complaint does not appear to disclose or involve any allegation of the following kind:
  - (i) that a member or an officer has engaged in material misconduct;
  - (ii) that a member, an officer, or the society has materially breached, or is likely to materially breach, a duty under the society's constitution or bylaws or this Act:

- (iii) that a member's rights or interests or members' rights or interests generally have been materially damaged:
- (c) the complaint appears to be without foundation or there is no apparent evidence to support it; or
- (d) the person who makes the complaint has an insignificant interest in the matter; or
- (e) the conduct, incident, event, or issue giving rise to the complaint has already been investigated and dealt with under the constitution; or
- (f) there has been an undue delay in making the complaint.

**48.7** 7 Society may refer complaint

- (1) A society may refer a complaint to—
  - (a) a subcommittee or an external person to investigate and report; or
  - (b) a subcommittee, an arbitral tribunal, or an external person to investigate and make a decision.
- (2) A society may, with the consent of all parties to a complaint, refer the complaint to any type of consensual dispute resolution (for example, mediation, facilitation, or a tikanga-based practice).

**48.8** 8 Decision makers

A person may not act as a decision maker in relation to a complaint if 2 or more members of the committee or a complaints subcommittee consider that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the person may not be— (a) impartial; or (b) able to consider the matter without a predetermined view.