

## **VOTING PROCEDURE FOR USE AT THE AUGUST SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1. ORDER OF ELECTION**

1.1 The Establishment Board will be elected according to the following order:

- (a) Volunteers Representative;
- (b) Independent Director (1);
- (c) Ordinary Directors.

1.2 An Independent Director nominee that is elected in the Independent Director election will not be included in the Ordinary Director election. All other Independent Director nominees will be included in the Ordinary Director election.

### **VOTING PROCEDURE FOR VOLUNTEER'S REPRESENTATIVE AND INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR SEAT**

#### **1. VOTING FORM**

1.1 The National Executive shall provide the voting members with a voting form listing the names of the nominees for the Volunteer's Representative and Independent Director position.

1.2 The candidates shall be listed in alphabetical order by last name.

#### **2. VOTING**

2.1 Should there be two or more nominees for either position, an [Alternative Vote](#) system of voting will be used.

- (a) Each Voting Member shall rank in preferential order all nominees starting from 1.

2.2 Should there be only one nominee for either position, a [First Past the Post](#) system of voting will be used.

- (a) Each Voting Member shall select either the candidate or "no confidence".

#### **3. VOTE COUNTING AND ELECTION**

3.1 The returning officer/s shall establish the total number of votes cast.

- (a) The total number shall be the number of valid votes cast and shall not include the number of invalid votes.

3.2 The threshold for reaching a majority vote is 51% of all valid votes.

3.3 Should AV be used, votes are counted and distributed according to preferences until a nominee or no confidence reaches a majority.

#### **4. INVALID VOTES**

4.1 A vote shall be invalid if it:

- (a) Ranks no nominees, or more than five nominees.
- (b) Is defaced.

### **VOTING PROCEDURE FOR ORDINARY DIRECTORS**

#### **5. VOTING FORM**

5.1 The National Executive shall provide the voting members with a voting form listing the names of the nominees for the ordinary director seats.

5.2 The candidates shall be listed in alphabetical order by last name.

#### **6. VOTING**

6.1 A [Single Transferrable Vote](#) (STV) system will be used.

6.2 Each Voting Member shall rank in preferential order up to four nominees. These will be indicated using the numbers 1 – 4.

- (a) Voting Members shall only rank as many nominees as they wish.

#### **7. VOTE COUNTING AND ELECTION**

7.1 The returning officer/s shall establish the total number of votes cast.

- (a) The total number shall be the number of valid votes cast and shall not include the number of invalid votes.

7.2 The threshold for reaching a majority vote will be determined by the Droop threshold.

- (a) Any nominees that meet the threshold of votes required will be elected as an Ordinary Director.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, nominees that do not meet the threshold once all votes have been redistributed will not be elected.

- (c) Only up to one Independent Director may be elected in the Ordinary Director Election.
  - (i) The votes of all other Independent Director nominees will be redistributed upon meeting the threshold.

7.3 Votes will be first counted in accordance with the first preference votes of Voting Members.

- (a) Any votes for a nominee in excess of the threshold shall be redistributed.
  - (i) Votes of nominees will be redistributed in descending order of total votes received.
  - (ii) Votes will be redistributed proportionally according to the next preference of Voting Members.
  - (iii) If a vote has no following preference, that vote will from then on be counted as a no vote.
- (b) Votes will then be redistributed through successive elimination of candidates who received the lowest number of first preference votes.
  - (i) Votes will be redistributed proportionally according to the next preferences of Voting Members.
  - (ii) If a vote has no following preference, that vote will from then on be counted as a no vote.
  - (iii) If the following preference is for a nominee that has been eliminated, that vote will be redistributed to the next preference of that vote.

## **8. INVALID VOTES**

8.1 A vote shall be invalid if it:

- (a) Ranks no nominees, or more than four nominees.
- (b) Is defaced.