



**MERI TOKSAVE INC.**

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**2015 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

**4:00PM ON 22/02/2015**

The Special General Meeting of Meri Toksave Inc. was held at the Visible Ink of the Brisbane City Council at 5 Green Square Close, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006. This was an open meeting to the public and was advertised online to the public two weeks prior to the meeting date.

In attendance: Ayesha Lutschini (President), Tasman Bain (Treasurer), Courtney Price (Secretary), Samantha Grant, Angelo Andrikopoulos, Eithandee Aung, Myrella-Jane Byron, Laruen Hamilton.

Apologies: Milcah Xkenjik, Aleesha Phillips.

**MINUTES**

1. The Chair (Ayesha Lutschini) announced that quorum was present at the meeting.
2. The Chair declared the 2015 Special General Meeting opened, recognising quorum of the members of Meri Toksave Inc. in attendance.
3. The Chair recognised the traditional custodians of the land in which the meeting was held.
4. The Chair welcomed the attendees and members.
5. The Chair outlined the proposed amendments to the objects of Meri Toksave Inc.:
  - a. Amendment to Rule 2 (minor change):

*The name of the incorporated association is Meri Toksave Inc. (the association).*
  - b. Amendment to Rule 3 (re-wording and sub clause additions):

*The objects of the association are—*

    - (1) *Empower women of all ages and facilitate the development of their self-worth within Papua New Guinea.*
    - (2) *Harness educational mechanisms of printed, video and social media and materials in both Papua New Guinea and Australia to end domestic, family and sexual violence and gender-based violence in all its form in Papua New Guinea.*
    - (3) *Create generational change within Papua New Guinea and address the negative stigma of gender based violence victims.*
    - (4) *Engage men of all ages within Papua New Guinea and Australia to challenge the existing negative behaviours, attitudes and perceptions of women.*

- (5) Address the information asymmetry within Papua New Guinea of emergency services contact details for victims of violence.*
- (6) To act as a platform that provides youth engagement and solutions towards combating gender based violence within Papua New Guinea and Australia.*
- (7) Actively challenge bystander behaviour within Papua New Guinea and Australia.*
- (8) Partner with grassroots, local and international organisation in Papua New Guinea to help meet the aforementioned objectives.*
- (9) Partner and empower with the Papua New Guinea community in Australia and particularly in Queensland to help meet the aforementioned objectives.*

c. Amendment to Rule 15 (sub clause addition):

- (8) No individuals may nominate for the position of Secretary if older than 26 years of age by the time of the Annual General Meeting for the nomination.*

d. Amendment to Rule 18 (addition):

- (5) A member of the management committee must be no older than 26 years of age in the year of their election or appointment to the management committee.*

e. Amendment to Rule 19 (removal):

- (iii) given to the secretary at least 14 days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to be held;*

f. Amendment to Rule 19 (addition):

- (2) A person may be a candidate only if the person—*
  - (a) is an adult;*
  - (b) is not ineligible to be elected as a member under section 61A of the Act;*
  - and*
  - (c) is under the age of 26 years old;*

g. Amendment to Rule 27 (addition):

*27 Appointment of volunteers*

- (1) The management committee may appoint volunteers consisting of members of the association considered appropriate by the committee to help with the conduct of the associations operations.*
- (2) Volunteers who are not a member of the management committee are not entitled to vote at a management committee meeting.*
- (3) Volunteer will be supervised by their relevant manager.*
- (4) Volunteers may meet and adjourn with their manager as they consider appropriate.*
- (5) A question arising at volunteers meeting is to be decided by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting and, if the votes are equal, the question is decided in the negative.*

h. Amendment to include a new Rule 47:

*47 Non-profit status*

- The assets and income of the organisation shall be applied solely in furtherance of the above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the organisation except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.*

i. Amendment to include a new Rule 48:

*48 Non-discriminatory commitment*

- The association will be committed to being apolitical and non-discriminatory in its undertakings to meet stipulated objectives.*

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j. Amendment to Rule 50, formerly 49, (minor change):

*50 Financial year*

*The end date of the association's financial year is 4 July in each year.*

k. Amendment to Rule 51, formerly 50, (addition):

*51 Dissolution*

*(1) This rule applies if the association—*

*(a) is wound-up under part 10 of the Act;*

*(b) is dissolved;*

*(c) has surplus assets.*

*(2) The surplus assets must not be distributed among the members of the association.*

*(3) The surplus assets and satisfaction of all debts and liabilities must be transferred to another entity—*

*(a) having objects similar to the association's objects; and*

*(b) is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members .*

*(4) In this rule— surplus assets see section 92(3) of the Act.*

6. A motion is proposed by Eithandee Aug and seconded by Samantha Grant for a special resolution to amend the constitution of Meri Toksave Inc. to include the aforementioned amendments.

7. The special resolution passes unanimously by the members.

8. Resolved that, by special resolution by the members, that all aforementioned amendments proposed are adopted into the constitution of Meri Toksave Inc.

9. Special Business.

a. Resolved that the Secretary and Treasurer would submit Application to Register an Amendment of Rules (Form 8) under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 with the Queensland Office of Fair Trading.

b. Resolved that the Treasurer would submit the minutes of this Special General Meeting to the Queensland Office of Fair Trading.

10. The Chair opens the meeting up to discussions from the floor.

11. The Chair closes the Special General Meeting.

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Certified by:



AYESHA LUTSCHINI  
PRESIDENT



TASMAN BAIN  
TREASURER