

Constitution Amendments

40 Alteration of rules

(1) *Subject to the Act, these rules may be amended, repealed or added to by a special resolution carried at a general meeting.*

(2) *However an amendment, repeal or addition is valid only if it is registered by the chief executive.*

Proposed changes; additions in **bold**, deletions ~~striked out~~:

Sections:

3. Objects

The objects of the association are

- to facilitate and promote fair trading **of goods and** services between members of the association **who have accounts on the Community Exchange System (CES)** ~~by establishing a credit and debit system of units through which members can trade for services rendered~~

In favour _____ Opposed _____ Result: Adopted/Rejected

- To provide opportunities for members to foster self esteem and feelings of self worth and to encourage positive self reliant action
- To promote and support the knowledge **and culture** and of the association **and the use and accessibility of the Community Exchange System** to all segments of the community.

In favour _____ Opposed _____ Result: Adopted/Rejected

- To cooperate with other LETS **and Community Exchange System** groups.
- Any other activities and events approved by its members

In favour _____ Opposed _____ Result: Adopted/Rejected

6. New Membership

(1) An applicant for membership of the association must be proposed by 1 member of the association (the proposer) and seconded by another member (the seconder).

(2) An application for membership must be—

- (a) in writing; and
- (b) signed by the applicant; **or**
- (c) in such form as the management committee from time to time prescribes.

In favour _____ Opposed _____ Result: Adopted/Rejected

18. (1) (b) (iii)

Electing the management committee (1) A member of the management committee may only be elected as follows - the nomination must be given to the secretary at least ~~14~~ 7 days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to be held.

In favour _____ Opposed _____ Result: Adopted/Rejected

2. Name

Proposed options: Note, this is the OFFICIAL Office of Fair Trade name of the incorporated association, which DOESN'T determine how we BRAND, MARKET and TALK about it. BRANDING is best discussed separately. A check of the Queensland Register shows that as of January 13th, 2019, none of the proposed names are registered by a charity or association. Options can be added from the floor:

1/ The name of the incorporated association is Brisbane Local Energy Trading System ~~Organisation~~ Inc (the association).

In favour _____

2/ The name of the incorporated association is Brisbane Local ~~Energy~~ **Exchange** Trading System ~~Organisation~~ Inc (the association).

In favour _____

3/ The name of the incorporated association is **BrisLETS Community Exchange** Inc (the association).

In favour _____

4/ The name of the incorporated association is **Brisbane Local Community Exchange** Inc (the association).

In favour _____

5/ The name of the incorporated association is **Brisbane Exchange Community** Inc (the association).

In favour _____

6/ (From the floor):

In favour _____

Notes:

Section 3. Objects

The amendments update the Section to include goods and to more accurately include the role of the Community Exchange System and the role of the association as an agent of economic justice where the culture is one of fairness in trading and transactions.

Section 6.

The amendment allows the management committee to accept an application for membership without a hand-written signature.

Section 18.

The amendment allows nominations to be received at shorter notice. (Note: In the past most nominations have been taken from the floor.)

Section 2.

1/ 'Organisation' is unnecessary and lengthy.

2/ 'Energy' is sometimes confused with electricity and doesn't encompass goods as well as

services.

3/ This is the name of the exchange on CES.

4/ The acronym of this name agrees with the account prefixes on CES (BLCE), which cannot be changed.

5/ The association is a community group, not the exchange where transactions are recorded. The name of the exchange on CES can be easily changed to, for example **Brisbane Community Exchange**. An incorporated social group has potential insurance and funding (grant) benefits. The perception that we're a trading business has prevented us from receiving support from e.g. City libraries in the past.

Things to remember:

- Names 3/ - 5/ are all easier for official business; the current name has caused some problems with banking.

ROUND 1: Members in favour of a new name are to choose ONLY ONE option and vote in favour of it. Members opposed to a new name are to withhold their vote.

If the total count in favour of a new name is less than 50%, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative as per Section 35 (2) of the constitution. If the total count in favour of a new name is more than 50% present, and one option has a clear majority of members present, the question is decided in favour of that option. If a clear majority are in favour and the votes are spread over more than one option, ROUND 2 proceeds.

Result:

The name of the incorporated association is

In favour _____ Opposed _____