

Explanatory Notes

The purpose of this document is to assist members in considering the proposed special resolution to change the rules of Canberra Philharmonic Society Inc.

History

Canberra Philharmonic Society Inc (Philo) was established in 1951 and incorporated in 1955.

When Philo was initially incorporated under the then *Associations Incorporation Act 1953* it took the Model Rules under the Act and made minimal changes.

The new *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* made a number of significant changes to the legislation. In response, Philo updated and adopted a new set of rules in 1993. These remain our current rules and they can be accessed on the [Philo website](#).

Why the need for change?

There have been further changes in the law and our current rules are now out of date. (The *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* has been updated 41 times since we adopted our rules.)

The Model Rules prescribed under the Regulations set out minimum requirements for an incorporated association. They now go beyond what was provided for in our current rules.

So, in the revised rules that we propose for Philo, we have taken the current Model Rules as a starting point and made fairly basic changes.

Key changes

The draft new rules differ from the Model Rules in the following ways:

1. Changes the financial year to end 31 December (section 1)
2. Includes Philo's "objects" (section 1B)
3. Provides for life members (sections 3A and 3B)
4. Changes membership expiry dates to be based on date joined (section 7 (3))
5. Includes dispute resolution information (section 10A)
6. Includes committee member resignation information (section 16 (2))
7. Removes the requirement for two existing members to nominate new applicants for membership (section 3 (1) (a) and appendix 1).