

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Committee of Management proposes that Clause 22 of the Constitution be changed along the following lines:

1. Reduce the number of electorates from five to four.
2. The Committee of Management still consist of 5 members; a representative from each of the four electorates plus an Independent Member from any electorate. Such member to be elected by the four electorate representatives from nominations received for the position.
3. Removal of the requirement for each electorate to have a certain percentage of the membership of the Association in the year preceding an election.
4. The Committee of Management elected at the 2015 AGM is for 12 months only so that the new arrangement can commence in 12 months time instead of in 3 years time.
5. Removal of the restriction on the number of full terms that a person elected by the Committee of Management to fill a casual vacancy may serve. At the moment such people are restricted to 2 full terms whereas other members elected to the Committee may serve any number of terms.

In 2014 the Committee of Management was faced with the situation where one electorate had too many members, another did not have enough and a third was marginal. This matter was resolved by moving some members from their current electorates to other electorates. However, during the consideration of this matter it was felt that a more permanent solution would be to reduce the number of electorates and the decision was made to put forward a Notice of Motion at the AGM for consideration by the members.