MEMBERS' FORUM CHARTER

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1. Introduction

The TWS Constitution (Section IV) requires THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY LTD to develop a charter for a Members' Forum.

26.c) The Board must develop a charter for the Members' Forum

As a section of the TWS Ltd Board Charter, the purpose of this document is to act as that 'charter for the Members' Forum'. This Charter scopes the governance parameters and defines the rights and privileges of TWS Members' Forum.

2. Members

Members, as defined in the constitution, may be Persons (an individual and any partnership, association, body or entity whether incorporated or not) and Wilderness Society Group organisations.

3. Purpose of the Members' Forum

The purpose of the Members' Forum is to provide a process for Wilderness Society Group organisations and other interested Members to provide guidance and advice to the Directors in relation to the actions in pursuit of the Objects

4. Roles and Responsibilities

The Members' Forum provides Members with the opportunity to be updated on the activities of the organisation and provide input to the Directors.
Members can:

- Provide input to what they would like to discuss in the Members' Forum;
- Attend a Members' Forum either in person or via a digital platform;
- Join in a facilitated discussion at the Forum and
- View the report back from the Forum and the Board's responses.

TWS Ltd will

- Ensure that members are notified of the Members' Forum concurrently with receipt of the first Notice of Annual General Meeting or, if this is not possible due to timing, with a minimum of 4 weeks notice;
- Coordinate and decide the best means, technology or location, to maximise participation as possible in the Forum;
- Set the scope and focus of the Members' Forum based on topics gathered from Members;
- In hosting the Forum, ensure opportunity and support for participation and input from as many Members as possible; and
- Provide a web page interface with
    - Report back to Members about the proceedings and outcomes from the previous years' Members' Forum;
    - Notification and details of the current year's Members' Forum as they become available;

- A form for Members to express interest in, and add topics of interest to, the current year's Members' Forum; and
- Seek RSVP closer to the date of the Forum

5. Appendices

RULE 7. Objects

a) The principal Object of TWS is protecting, promoting and restoring wilderness and natural processes across Australia for the survival and ongoing evolution of life on Earth.

b) For the purpose of furthering the principal Object, the additional Objects of TWS are to:

i) work with the Wilderness Society Group, other Members and supporters to develop shared goals and strategies and to coordinate and focus work on agreed goals;

ii) run national programs to foster the reservation, preservation and protection of wilderness and nature, including from the impacts of climate change;

iii) act cohesively and cooperatively within any constraints of the law in the facilitation of, mutual support of, and with mutual respect for, other organisations involved in the Wilderness Society Group and other organisations formed for similar purposes as the Objects both for administrative advantage and for strategic operational benefit in pursuit of the Objects;

iv) work with other parties with interests in land, water and marine environments, conservation and resource use to develop mutually supported policies, positions, agreements and statutes;

v) educate the community on wilderness and nature conservation and the benefits arising from wilderness and nature protection;

vi) research environmental and related issues;

vii) promote ideas and actions that enhance humanity's understanding, enjoyment and protection of the natural environment;

viii) operate a Public Fund, called *The Wilderness Fund*, that will accept donations of money or property for the environmental objectives of TWS in compliance with subdivision 30-E of the Tax Act; and

ix) doing anything ancillary or incidental to the Objects.

RULE 26. Establishment of Members Forum

a) The Board may call a meeting of a Members' Forum as and when it determines and must call a meeting at least annually.

b) The purpose of the Members' Forum is to provide a process for Wilderness Society Group organisations and other interested Members to provide guidance and advice to the Directors in relation to the actions in pursuit of the Objects in accordance with **rule 7.**

1) The Board must receive and consider in good faith any guidance and advice arising from a Members' Forum.

2) In line with the duties and obligations of Directors, the Board is not required to act on or to implement any guidance or advice from the Members' Forum.

c) The Board must develop a charter for the Members' Forum and may amend the charter from time to time. When amending the charter the Board may seek advice from the Members' Forum.

d) TWS will be responsible for direct costs arising from meetings of the Members' Forum but will not be responsible for costs associated with Members participating in the Members' Forum.