



Notice of Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the South East Queensland Indigenous Chamber of Commerce Inc. (SEQICC) will be held on **Wednesday 22 April 2020** at the Seminar Room, Level One, The Precinct (315 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley) commencing at **5.00pm**. Given the current circumstances we are also investigating options for people to connect into the meeting via electronic means and will provide updates as arrangements progress.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to consider the revocation of the current SEQICC Constitution and the adoption of a new Constitution (dated 20 March 2020).

The SEQICC Constitution needs a significant update. Large sections of the current 2014 Constitution were part of the original rules written over a decade ago when the Chamber was first incorporated. It is outdated both in a governance sense but it also does not accurately capture current policy settings and community expectations in the Indigenous business space.

Key elements of the Amendments:

The 2020 Chamber Constitution has been based on v.6 of the Model Rules under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Qld)*, with changes made to these rules to accommodate the specific needs of the Chamber and its objectives and purpose.

The key changes in the proposed new Constitution are:

- Membership - we are proposing to have members, associate members and supporters.
- Management Committee - we are removing regional representatives from the Committee to have 7 elected members from across SEQ and have included the option for to elect an Associate member representative and appoint two Independent members if required.
- A significant reduction and summarisation of the Objects and purpose of the SEQICC.
- The proposed Constitution, being based on the model rules, will ensure the SEQICC is fulfilling all the legal requirements of *Associations Incorporation Act Qld 1981*.

Please find below LINKS for your attention relating to the meeting:

The Notice of Meeting and Agenda for the Special General Meeting is including **attached**.

The Paper discussing the key changes in the new 2020 Constitution can be found **attached**

The Proposed March 2020 SEQICC Constitution can be found **attached**

The Current 2014 SEQICC Constitution can be found **attached**

The *Associations Incorporation Act QLD 1981* Model Rules can be found **attached**

Yours Sincerely

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South East Queensland
**Indigenous Chamber
of Commerce**

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - NOTICE AND AGENDA

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TIME: 5.00pm
PLACE: Seminar Room, Level One, The Precinct
315 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley

Electronic access: We are investigating options for people to connect into the meeting via electronic means and will provide updates as arrangements progress.

AGENDA

1. Record of Attendance and Apologies
2. Chair - confirmation of quorum and proxy* votes
3. Purpose to adopt a new Constitution for the South East Queensland Indigenous Chamber of Commerce Inc.
4. Vote on change to the Constitution of the Association

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

That the current South East Queensland Indigenous Chamber of Commerce Inc. Constitution is revoked and that the South East Queensland Indigenous Chamber of Commerce Inc. Constitution, dated 20 March 2020, be adopted.

4. Closure of Special General Meeting

Information about Special Resolutions:

In accordance with Section 48 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Qld)*, a special resolution is required to change the rules of an Association. For a special resolution to be valid, it must be passed by at least 75% of the votes cast by members entitled to vote (either present at the SGM or by proxy).

Voting by proxy:

If you cannot attend the SGM, you can cast your vote by appointing a proxy to vote on your behalf. Article 62 of the 2014 SEQICC Constitution gives each Member a right to appoint a proxy - the proxy does not need to be a Member of the Association but must be present at the meeting.

Completed proxy documentation must be provided to the SEQICC Secretary by **10am Wednesday 22 April** to enable sufficient time to properly administer and collate the Proxy voting information.