

**TASMANIAN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
FRAMEWORK**

**RULES**

**of the**

**SOUTHERN NRM ASSOCIATION**

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# PART 1      PRELIMINARY

## 1. Name of Association

The name of the Association is as follows:

**Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Incorporated**

## 2. Interpretation

In these rules:

“Act” means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1964*;

“Association” means the association referred to in rule 1;

“auditor” means the person appointed as the auditor of the Association under rule 27;

“basic objects of the Association” means the objects and purposes of the Association as stated in an application under section 7 of the Act for the incorporation of that Association, and set out in rule 4;

“chairperson” means the person appointed under section 9(6) of the NRM Act as chairperson of the regional committee;

“Charter” means the stakeholder member charter set out in annexure A to these rules;

“general meeting” includes:

(a) the annual general meeting; and

(b) any special general meeting;

“Minister” means the Minister administering the NRM Act;

“NRM Act” means the *Natural Resource Management Act 2002*, as amended from time to time;

“NRM entity” means a recognised legal entity or a State Government agency which has an interest in natural resource management, as defined in section 3 of the NRM Act, in the region;

“ordinary business of the annual general meeting” means the business specified in rule 7(5);

“organisational stakeholder member” means a stakeholder member that is an organisation;

“public officer” means a person appointed as public officer of the Association from time to time;

“region” means the southern region of Tasmania, as defined in the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931*, and any adjacent State waters;

“regional committee” means the committee of the Association, which subject to the Minister’s declaration under section 9(2) of the NRM Act, will be the regional committee for the region under the NRM Act;

“regional committee member” means a member of the regional committee appointed;

“selection panel” means a selection panel charged with nominating members of the regional committee, and appointed and operating in accordance with rule 18;

“special general meeting” means any general meeting other than the annual general meeting;

“stakeholder member” includes a foundation stakeholder member and an NRM entity admitted as a member under rule 5;

“terms and conditions” mean the terms and conditions to which any order declaring the regional committee may be subject, under section 9(2) of the NRM Act.

### **3. Association's Office**

The office of the Association is to be at the following place or any other place the regional committee determines:

313 Macquarie Street  
South Hobart  
TAS 7004

### **4. Objects and purposes of Association**

1. The sole purpose of the Association is to provide the governance and organisational framework for the establishment and ongoing operation of the regional committee, in accordance with these rules and the terms and conditions of its declaration as a regional committee by the Minister under the NRM Act.
2. The object of the Association is to support the regional committee to fulfil its functions assigned under the NRM Act and specifically to ensure the preparation and implementation of a southern regional national resource management strategy.
3. If the Minister revokes the declaration as the regional committee under the NRM Act and does not make a new declaration within 6 months, the Association shall be wound up in accordance with these rules and statutory requirements.
4. In addition to the basic objects of the Association, the objects and purposes of the Association include the following:
  - a) the purchase, taking on lease or in exchange, and the hiring or otherwise acquiring of any real or personal property necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Association;
  - b) the buying, selling and supplying of, and dealing in, goods of all kinds
  - c) the construction, maintenance and alteration of buildings or works necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Association;
  - d) the accepting of any gift for any one or more of the objects or purposes of the Association;
  - e) the taking of any step the regional committee considers expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association;
  - f) the printing and publishing of any newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets or other documents the regional committee considers desirable for the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Association;
  - g) the borrowing and raising of money in any manner and on terms the regional committee thinks fit;
  - h) subject to the provisions of the Trustee Act 1898, the investment of any moneys of the Association not immediately required for any of its objects or purposes in any manner the regional committee determines;
  - i) the making of gifts, subscriptions or donations to any of the funds, authorities or institutions listed in or approved under Division 30 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 ;
  - j) the establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment or support, of any other association formed for any of the basic objects of the Association;
  - k) the purchase or acquisition, and undertaking, of all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any association with which the Association is amalgamated in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules of the Association;

- l) the doing of any lawful thing incidental or conducive to the attainment of the basic objects of the Association or of any of the objects and purposes specified in this rule, including the employment of staff.

## **PART 2      STAKEHOLDER MEMBERSHIP**

### **5. Membership of Association**

1. An NRM entity that within six weeks of incorporation of the Association has signed the Charter and made payment of the annual subscription fixed under these rules is a foundation stakeholder member of the Association and will be entered in the register of stakeholder members.
2. An NRM entity that is not a foundation stakeholder member of the Association under sub-rule (1) is not to be admitted to stakeholder membership:
  - a) Unless the NRM entity is nominated in accordance with subrule (3); and
  - b) The regional committee approves the admission as a stakeholder member.
3. An initial nomination of an NRM entity for stakeholder membership of the Association, under subrule (2), is to be:
  - a) Made in writing and signed by or on behalf of 2 stakeholder members of the Association; and
  - b) Accompanied by the written consent of the NRM entity nominated; and
  - c) Lodged with the public officer of the Association or NRM South staff member.
4. The consent referred to in subrule (3) may be endorsed on the nomination.
5. As soon as practicable after the receipt of a nomination, the public officer or NRM South staff member is to refer the nomination to the regional committee.
6. On a nomination being approved by the regional committee, the public officer or NRM South staff member:
  - a) Is to notify the nominee, in writing, that it has been approved for stakeholder membership of the Association; and
  - b) Upon receipt of a signed copy of the Charter and the sum payable as the first year's subscription, is to enter the nominee's name in the register of stakeholder members.
7. On a nomination being rejected by the regional committee, the public officer or NRM South staff member is to so notify the nominee in writing. The regional committee is not required to give any reason for the rejection of any nomination to become a stakeholder member.
8. The approval process specified in subrules (2) to (7) is not required for renewing members.
9. A stakeholder member of the Association may resign from the Association by delivering or sending by post to the public officer or NRM South staff member a written notice of resignation.
10. On receipt of a notice from a stakeholder member under subrule (9), the public officer or NRM South staff member is to remove the name of the stakeholder member from the register of stakeholder members.
11. An NRM entity:
  - a) Becomes a stakeholder member of the Association when its name is entered in the register of stakeholder members;
  - b) Ceases to be a stakeholder member of the Association when its name is removed from the register of stakeholder members; and
  - c) May be removed from the register of stakeholder members, by resolution of the Committee, if it has failed to renew its membership of the Association through non-payment of the annual membership fee.

12. Any right, privilege or obligation of an NRM entity as a stakeholder member of the Association:
  - a) Is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another NRM entity; and
  - b) Terminates on the cessation of the membership.
13. If the Association is wound up:
  - a) Every stakeholder member of the Association; and
  - b) Every NRM entity that, within the period of 12 months immediately preceding the commencement of the winding up, was a stakeholder member of the Association – is liable to contribute –
    - c) To the assets of the Association for payment of the debts or liabilities of the Association; and
    - d) For the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up; and
    - e) For the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.
14. Any liability under subrule (13) is not to exceed \$1.00.
15. A former stakeholder member is not liable to contribute under subrule (13) in respect of any debt or liability of the Association contracted after it ceased to be a stakeholder member.

## **6. Member Attendance at Association General Meetings**

1. An organisational stakeholder member may appoint an individual as a representative to exercise all or any of its powers at a general meeting. An organisational stakeholder member may appoint a deputy representative but only one representative may exercise the stakeholder member's rights at any one time.
2. An organisational stakeholder member may at any time change its representative or deputy representative by giving the Association written notice of the change. A change will take effect 7 days after the date of the notice or later date specified in the notice.
3. Other members of an organisational stakeholder member may also attend general meetings as observers and participate in discussion but will not take part in determining questions under rule 13.

## **7. Annual General Meeting**

1. The Association is to hold an annual general meeting each year.
2. The annual general meeting is to be held on any day (after the close of the financial year and before 30 September of the following financial year) the regional committee determines.
3. The annual general meeting is to be in addition to any other general meetings that may be held in the same year.
4. The notice convening the annual general meeting is to specify the purpose of the meeting.
5. The ordinary business of the annual general meeting is to be as follows:
  - a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting;
  - b) to receive and ratify the regional committee's annual report;
  - c) to appoint a selection panel for the regional committee and approve selection criteria;
  - d) to consider the report of the selection panel and accept or reject its recommendations on the membership of the regional committee;
  - e) to approve sitting fees for members of the regional committee;

- f) to appoint the auditor and determine his or her remuneration; and
  - g) to receive and ratify the report of the auditor, in accordance with the rules.
6. The annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with these rules.

### **8. Special general meetings**

1. The regional committee may convene a special general meeting of the Association at any time.
2. The regional committee, on the requisition in writing of at least one-third of the stakeholder members, may convene a special general meeting of the Association.
3. A requisition for a special general meeting:
  - a) Is to state the objects of the meeting;
  - b) Is to be signed by the requisitionists;
  - c) Is to be deposited at the office of the Association; and
  - d) May consist of several documents, each signed by one or more of the requisitionists.
4. If the regional committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within 35 days from the day on which a requisition is deposited at the office of the Association, the requisitionists, or any of them, may convene the meeting within 3 months from the day of the deposit of the requisition.
5. A special general meeting convened by requisitionists is to be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as the regional committee convenes meetings.
6. All reasonable expenses incurred by requisitionists in convening a special general meeting are to be refunded by the Association.

### **9. Notices of general meetings**

The public officer or NRM South staff member of the Association, at least 14 days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association, is to cause to be inserted in at least one newspaper published in this State and circulating generally in the region an advertisement:

- a) Specifying the place, day and time for the holding of the meeting; and
- b) The nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

### **10. Business and quorum at general meetings**

1. All business transacted at a general meeting, except the ordinary business of the annual general meeting, is special business.
2. Business is not to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of representatives of stakeholder members is present at the time the meeting is considering that business.
3. A quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting is a quarter of the official representatives of organisational stakeholder members.
4. If a quorum is not present one hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, the meeting –
  - a) if convened on the requisition of stakeholder members, is to be dissolved; or

- b) in any other case, is to be adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time at the same place.
- 5. If at an adjourned meeting a quorum is not present one hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting is to be dissolved.
- 6. The person presiding, by written notice or at the time of the adjournment, may specify another place to which a meeting is to be adjourned.

#### **11. Chairperson to preside at general meetings**

- 1. The chairperson, or in his or her absence, the deputy chairperson, is to preside at every general meeting of the Association.
- 2. If the chairperson and deputy chairperson are both absent from a general meeting, the regional committee members present are to elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.

#### **12. Adjournment of general meetings**

- 1. The person presiding at a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business is to be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- 2. If a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the notice of the adjourned meeting is to be given in the same manner as the notice of the original meeting.
- 3. It is not necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

#### **13. Determination of questions arising at general meetings**

- 1. All questions arising at a general meeting of the Association are to be determined by consensus of the organisational stakeholder members present.
- 2. If consensus cannot be reached on any issue, the question is to be deferred until the next general meeting.
- 3. When deferring a question under subrule (2), the person presiding will assist the parties disagreeing on the question to reach agreement through mediation if necessary.
- 4. If, when a question deferred under subrule (2) is considered at a later general meeting, consensus of organisational stakeholder members still cannot be reached, the regional committee is to report to the Minister, advising of events in relation to the question. Without making any recommendation, the regional committee is to seek the Minister's decision.
- 5. The Minister's decision on a matter referred under subrule (4) shall be final and binding on the Association and stakeholder members in their capacity as members of the Association.

## **PART 3 REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

### **14. Affairs of Association to be managed by a regional committee**

1. The affairs of the Association are to be managed by a regional committee constituted as provided in rule 17.
2. The regional committee:
  - a) is to control and manage the business and affairs of the Association;
  - b) may exercise all the powers and perform all the functions of the Association, other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by general meetings of stakeholder members of the Association; and
  - c) has power to do anything that appears to the regional committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.

### **15. Minister's declaration as a regional committee under NRM Act**

As soon as practicable after the appointment of the regional committee under rule 18, the public officer is to write to the Minister requesting the Minister to declare it the regional committee for the region in accordance with the NRM Act.

### **16. Officers of the Association**

1. The officers of the Association are as follows:
  - a) the chairperson; and
  - b) the deputy chairperson.
2. The Minister is to appoint the chairperson from the membership of the regional committee, as prescribed in the NRM Act.
3. The regional committee is to appoint the deputy chairperson.
4. If a casual vacancy in the office of chairperson occurs, the regional committee must request the Minister to appoint a new chairperson as soon as practicable after the vacancy on the regional committee has been filled, in accordance with rule 18 and the terms and conditions.
5. If a casual vacancy in the office of deputy chairperson occurs, the regional committee is to appoint a new deputy chairperson as soon as practicable after the vacancy on the regional committee has been filled, in accordance with rule 18 and the terms and conditions.

### **17. Constitution of the regional committee**

1. The regional committee consists of not more than 15 persons with experience, skills and knowledge in natural resource management, and who fulfil the requirements of section 9(3) of the NRM Act.
2. Members of the regional committee are to hold office for terms of up to four years and may not serve more than two full terms. Members appointed to fill a casual vacancy for a period of two years or less may be appointed for up to a further two full terms.
3. When the term of a member of the regional committee finishes, that member must retire but if eligible may be recommended for reappointment by the selection panel in accordance with rule 18. Standard terms of office will be from 1 October in the year the appointment was

made to 30 September in the year of the 4th annual general meeting following the appointment.

4. If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of a regional committee member, the regional committee, on the recommendation of the selection panel, may fill casual vacancies for the balance of the term of office of the person who ceases to be a regional committee member, but so that the regional committee as a whole continues to fulfil the criteria required by the NRM Act.

### **18. Selection of regional committee members**

1. At each annual general meeting of the Association, the organisational stakeholder members present are to appoint up to six persons, representing a balance of natural resource management interests, to act as a selection panel. Members of the selection panel need not be affiliated to stakeholder members of the Association.
2. The selection panel is to hold office until the annual general meeting next after that at which it is appointed, and its members are eligible for re-appointment.
3. For the purpose of enabling it to make a recommendation of a candidate(s) to become a member of the regional committee, the selection panel:
  - a) must, except in recommending a candidate to fill a casual vacancy, by advertisement placed in a newspaper that circulates throughout the region, invite nomination of persons as candidates. In choosing a candidate to fill a casual vacancy, the panel may choose whether to use a newspaper advertisement or not;
  - b) must invite nominations of persons as candidates from the widest possible range of NRM entities;
  - c) may invite nominations of persons as candidates in any other way it considers appropriate; and
  - d) may consult with any persons or NRM entities as it considers appropriate.
4. A member of the selection panel may not nominate as a candidate to become a member of the regional committee while serving on the panel.
5. The selection panel will assess nominations against the selection criteria (approved under rule 7(5)(c) and the requirements of the NRM Act (“the selection criteria”).
6. In making a recommendation, the selection panel must choose from the nominated candidates the person, or persons, who will best ensure that the regional committee collectively meets the selection criteria.
7. The selection panel will provide a report to a general meeting, outlining the process leading to its recommendation and explaining how the recommended membership accords with the selection criteria. The selection panel will then seek approval for its recommendation. The general meeting may:
  - a) accept the recommendation; or
  - b) reject the recommendation.
8. If the general meeting rejects the recommendation under subrule (8)(b), the selection panel will review its report and make any amendments it considers appropriate within the context of subrules (6) and (7) and submit its amended recommendation to a general meeting.
9. If the general meeting accepts a recommendation or amended recommendation under subrule 8(a), then the recommended candidates are deemed appointed as members of the regional committee by the Association for a standard term as set out in rule 17(3), unless the general meeting, at which the recommendation or amended recommendation is accepted, occurs after 30 September, in which case the recommended candidates are appointed from the date of that general meeting until 30 September in the year of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting following the annual general meeting prior to which they were appointed.

## **19. Vacation of office**

For the purpose of these rules, the office of an officer of the Association or of a regional committee member becomes vacant if the officer or regional committee member –

- a) dies; or
- b) becomes bankrupt or applies to take or takes advantage of any law relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors or compounds with his or her creditors, or makes any assignment of his or her estate for their benefit; or
- c) becomes of unsound mind; or
- d) resigns office in writing addressed to the regional committee; or
- e) ceases to be resident in the State; or
- f) in the case of a regional committee member, fails, without leave granted by the regional committee, to attend 2 consecutive meetings of the regional committee.

## **20. Meetings of the regional committee and of subcommittees**

1. The regional committee is to meet at least six times a year at any place and time the committee determines.
2. The chairperson or a quorum of its members may convene a special meeting of the regional committee.
3. Notice is to be given to members of the regional committee of any special meeting of the regional committee, specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted, and no other business is to be transacted at such a meeting.
4. A majority of the regional committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the regional committee.
5. Business is not to be transacted unless a quorum is present.
6. If half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting is to be adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting in which case it is to be dissolved.
7. At a meeting of the regional committee, the following is to preside:
  - a) the chairperson, or in his or her absence the deputy chairperson;
  - b) if the chairperson and deputy chairperson are absent, any one of the remaining regional committee members as may be chosen by the committee members present.
8. Any question arising at a meeting of the regional committee or of any subcommittee appointed by the committee is to be determined on a show of hands.
9. Written notice of each regional committee meeting is to be served on each committee member by:
  - a) delivering it at a reasonable time before the meeting (including electronically if that has been agreed by the committee member beforehand); or
  - b) sending it by post in a prepaid envelope addressed to his or her usual or last-known address in time to reach him or her in due course of post before the date of the meeting.

## **21. Disclosure of interest**

Regional committee members are bound by the provisions of section 19 of the NRM Act, "Disclosure of interest".

## **22. Subcommittees**

1. The regional committee may:
  - a) appoint a subcommittee from the regional committee; and
  - b) prescribe the terms of reference of that subcommittee.
2. The regional committee may co-opt any person as a member of a subcommittee without voting rights, whether or not the person is a member of the Association.

## **PART 4 FINANCIAL, AUDIT AND OTHER MATTERS**

### **23. Annual subscription**

1. The annual subscription payable by stakeholder members is to be the following sum: \$10.00.
2. The stakeholder members may alter the annual subscription by special resolution.
3. The annual subscription of a stakeholder member is due and payable when registered as a stakeholder member and thereafter is due and payable on or before the first day of the financial year of the Association.

### **24. Financial year**

The financial year of the Association is the period beginning on 1 July in one year and ending on the 30 June the next following year.

### **25. Accounts of receipts and expenditure**

1. The financial and accounting activities of the regional committee shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Minister's declaration, and to any funding agreements that it enters into regarding particular programs or projects.
2. True accounts are to be kept of:
  - a) all money received and expended by the Association and the matter in respect of which the receipt or expenditure takes place; and
  - b) the property, credits and liabilities of the Association.
3. The accounts are to be open to inspection by the stakeholder members of the Association subject to any reasonable restrictions as to time and manner of inspecting the regional committee may impose.
4. The Association is to keep all general records, accounting books and records of receipts and expenditure connected with the operations and business of the Association in the form and manner the regional committee directs.
5. The accounts, books and records are to be kept at the Association's office or at any other place the regional committee decides.

### **26. Banking and finance**

1. The regional committee is to cause to be opened with any bank, building society or credit union the regional committee selects an account in the name of the Association into which all income received, except any to which subrule (3) applies, is to be paid as soon as possible after receipt.
2. The regional committee is authorised to establish and maintain separate accounts, if required to do so under the terms of funding agreements relating to particular programs or projects.
3. The regional committee may:
  - a) receive from the Association's financial institution the cheques drawn by the Association on any of its accounts with the financial institution; and
  - b) release and indemnify the financial institution from and against all claims, actions, suits or demands that may be brought against the financial institution arising directly or indirectly out of those cheques.

4. Except with the authority of the regional committee, a payment of any sum exceeding \$250 is not to be made from the funds of the Association otherwise than by cheque drawn on the Association's accounts, or by a form of electronic payment or transfer expressly approved by the regional committee.

### **27. Auditor**

1. At each annual general meeting of the Association, the stakeholder members present are to appoint a person as the auditor of the Association. Unless specifically provided for in the relevant funding agreement, the auditor will not be concerned with the accounts of programs and projects undertaken by the regional committee and subject to specific funding agreements.
2. The auditor is to hold office until the annual general meeting next after that at which he or she is appointed, and is eligible for re-appointment.
3. The first auditor may be appointed by the regional committee before the first annual general meeting, and holds office until the first annual general meeting, unless earlier removed by a resolution of the stakeholder members at a general meeting, when that meeting may appoint an auditor to act until the first annual general meeting.
4. If an appointment is not made at an annual general meeting, the regional committee is to appoint an auditor for the current financial year of the Association.
5. Except as provided in subrule (3), the auditor may only be removed from office by special resolution.
6. If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of auditor during the course of a financial year of the Association, the regional committee may appoint a person as the auditor to hold office until the next succeeding annual general meeting.

### **28. Audit of accounts**

1. Subject to rule 27, the auditor is to examine the accounts of the Association at least once in each financial year of the Association.
2. The auditor is to:
  - a) certify as to the correctness of the accounts of the Association; and
  - b) report to the stakeholder members present at the annual general meeting.
3. In the report and in certifying to the accounts, the auditor is to state if:
  - a) he or she has obtained the required information; and
  - b) in his or her opinion, the accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Association:
    - I. according to the information at his or her disposal and the explanations given;
    - II. as shown by the books of the Association; and
  - c) the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Association have been observed.
4. The Association is to cause to be delivered to the auditor a list of all the accounts, books and records of the Association.
5. The auditor may:
  - a) have access to the accounts, books, records, vouchers and documents of the Association;
  - b) require from the servants of the Association any information and explanations he or she considers necessary for the performance of the duties as auditor;

- c) employ persons to assist in investigating the accounts of the Association; and
- d) in relation to the accounts of the Association, examine any regional committee member or any servant of the Association.

### **29. Income and property of Association**

1. The income and property of the Association are to be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Association.
2. The regional committee will have full responsibility for the management of all income or property of the Association.
3. No portion of the income and property of the Association is to be paid or transferred to any stakeholder member of the Association, except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.
4. The regional committee is not to:
  - a) appoint a regional committee member to any office in the gift of the committee to the holder of which there is payable any remuneration by way of salary, fees or allowances; or
  - b) pay to a regional committee member any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth, other than sitting fees payable to regional committee members and agreed by the initial meeting of the Association or the most recent annual general meeting, and the repayment of out-of-pocket expenses.
5. An employee, regional committee member or stakeholder member of the Association may be paid:
  - a) remuneration in return for services rendered to the Association or for goods supplied to the Association in the ordinary course of business; or
  - b) a reasonable and proper sum by way of rent for premises let to the Association.

### **30. Notices**

A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association on any stakeholder member or regional committee member by being delivered to the intended recipient by prepaid post, hand, facsimile, email or other agreed form of electronic communication to the relevant address or number last provided to the Association by the intended recipient.

### **31. Disputes**

In the case of a dispute between a member of the Association, in the capacity as a member, and the Association the parties agree to endeavour in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation in accordance with mediation procedures determined by the regional committee.

### **32. Seal of Association**

1. The seal of the Association is to be in the form of a rubber stamp, inscribed with the name of the Association encircling the word "Seal".
2. The seal of the Association is not to be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the regional committee.
3. The affixing of the seal is to be attested by the signatures of –
  - a) 2 regional committee members; or

- b) one regional committee member and the public officer of the Association or any other person the committee may appoint for that purpose.
- 4. Attestation under subrule (3) is sufficient evidence for all purposes that the seal was affixed by authority of the regional committee.
- 5. The seal is to remain in the custody of the public officer or in the Association Office, as convenient.

**MEMBERSHIP CHARTER**

We, the members of the Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Incorporated, are committed to:

1. the sustainable management of natural resources in Southern Tasmania consistent with the Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Act 2002 and the principles of natural resource management;
2. a strategic, inclusive and integrated approach to regional natural resource planning and management aimed at achieving a balance between regional economic and social development and the need to protect the environment;
3. the formation and effective governance of a Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Committee, in accordance with rules of the Association and the terms and conditions of the Minister's declaration; and
4. a spirit of consensus and partnership that enables all stakeholders and the community to take positive action and fulfil their respective roles and responsibilities for sustainable natural resource planning and management.