

**TASMANIAN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
FRAMEWORK**

RULES

of the

SOUTHERN REGIONAL 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;

“Board” means the Board 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

“board member” means a member of the Board appointed;

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

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

“Fund” refers to the *Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Fund*;

“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 member” means a NRM entity that is a member of the association;

“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;

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

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

“terms and conditions” mean the terms and conditions to which any order declaring the Board 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 Board determines:

313 Macquarie Street
Hobart
TAS 7000

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 Board, in accordance with these rules and the terms and conditions of its declaration as a Board by the Minister under the NRM Act.
2. The object of the Association is to support the Board to fulfil its functions assigned under the NRM Act.
3. If the Minister revokes the declaration as the Board 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 protection and enhancement of the natural environment or of a significant aspect of the natural environment;
 - b) 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;
 - c) the buying, selling and supplying of, and dealing in, goods of all kinds;
 - d) the construction, maintenance and alteration of buildings or works necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Association;
 - e) the accepting of any gift for any one or more of the objects or purposes of the Association;
 - f) the taking of any step the Board considers expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association;
 - g) the printing and publishing of any newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets or other documents the Board considers desirable for the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Association;
 - h) the borrowing and raising of money in any manner and on terms the Board thinks fit;
 - i) 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 Board determines;
 - j) 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;
 - k) 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;
 - l) 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;

- m) 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.

5. The objective of the Fund is to support the organisation's environmental purposes and in such:

- a) Members of the public are to be invited to make gifts of money or property to the Fund for the environmental purposes of the organisation.
- b) Money from interest on donations, income derived from donated property, and money from the realisation of such property is to be deposited into the Fund.
- c) A separate bank account is to be opened to deposit money donated to the Fund, including interest accruing thereon, and gifts to it are to be kept separate from other funds of the organisation.
- d) Receipts are to be issued in the name of the Fund and proper accounting records and procedures are to be kept and used for the Fund.
- e) The Fund will be operated on a not-for-profit basis.
- f) A committee of management of no fewer than three persons will administer the Fund.
- g) The committee will be appointed by the organisation. A majority of the members of the committee are required to be 'responsible persons' as defined by the Guidelines to the Register of Environmental Organisations.

PART 2 MEMBERSHIP

5. Membership of Association

1. An NRM entity who is nominated and approved for membership in accordance with this rule is eligible to be an *organisational* member of the Association. An individual person nominated in accordance with this rule is eligible to be an *individual* member of the Association.
2. An NRM entity or individual person who is not a member of the Association may be considered for membership if –
 - a) the NRM entity is nominated for membership in accordance with subrule (3); and
 - b) the NRM entity is approved for membership by the Board.
 - c) The individual person is nominated for membership in accordance with subrule (4)
3. An application for *organisational* membership is to be –
 - a) made in writing through the NRM South website; and
 - b) referred to the Board at the next meeting.
4. An application for an *individual* membership is to be made in writing through the NRM South website.
5. An NRM entity is not an *organisational* member of the Association under sub-rule (1) unless the Board approves the admission as a member.
6. On a nomination of an NRM entity being approved by the board, the nominee will be notified in writing that it has been approved for *organisational* membership of the Association and nominee's name is entered in the register of members.
7. On a nomination being rejected by the Board, the nominee will be notified in writing. The Board is not required to give any reason for the rejection of any nomination to become a member.
8. The approval process specified in subrules (2) to (7) is not required for renewing members.
9. Any member of the Association may resign from the Association by delivering or sending by post to the public officer a written notice of resignation.
10. On receipt of a notice from a member under subrule (9), the name of the member is to be removed from the register of members.
11. Any member of the association:
 - a) becomes a member of the Association when its name is entered in the register of members;
 - b) ceases to be a member of the Association when its name is removed from the register of members; and
 - c) may be removed from the register of members if it has failed to renew its membership of the Association before the Annual General Meeting.
12. Any right, privilege or obligation of an *organisational* or *individual* member of the Association:
 - a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another organisation or individual; and
 - b) terminates on the cessation of the membership.
13. If the Association is wound up each member of the Association, and each organisation or person who was a member of the Association within the period of 12 months immediately preceding the commencement of the winding up, is liable to contribute:
 - a) to the assets of the Association for payment of the debts or liabilities of the Association; and
 - b) for the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up; and
 - c) for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.
14. Any liability under subrule (13) is not to exceed \$1.00.

15. Despite subrule (14), a former member is not liable to contribute under subrule (14) in respect of any debt or liability of the Association contracted after it ceased to be a member.

6. Member Attendance at Association General Meetings

1. An *organisational* member may appoint an individual as a representative to exercise all or any of its powers at a general meeting. An *organisational* member may appoint a deputy representative but only one representative may exercise the member's rights at any one time.
2. An *organisational* 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. An *individual* member may attend general meetings as observer 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 Board 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 annual report;
 - c) to appoint a selection panel for the Board;
 - d) to consider the report of the selection panel and accept or reject its recommendations on the membership of the Board;
 - e) to approve remuneration for members of the Board;
 - f) to appoint the auditor; 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 Board may convene a special general meeting of the Association at any time.
2. The Board, on the requisition in writing of at least one-third of the *organisational* 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 requisitioner(s);
 - 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 Board 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 Board 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 a 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* 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 *organisational* 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 Board 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 a simple majority of the *organisational* members present.

PART 3 BOARD

14. Affairs of Association to be managed by a Board

1. The affairs of the Association are to be managed by a Board constituted as provided in rule 17.
2. The Board:
 - 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 the Association; and
 - c) has power to do anything that appears to the Board to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.

15. Minister's declaration as a Board under NRM Act

As soon as practicable after the appointment of the Board under rule 18, the public officer is to write to the Minister requesting the Minister to declare it the Board 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 Board, as prescribed in the NRM Act.
3. The Board is to appoint the deputy chairperson.
4. If a casual vacancy in the office of chairperson occurs, the Board must request the Minister to appoint a new chairperson as soon as practicable after the vacancy on the Board 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 Board is to appoint a new deputy chairperson as soon as practicable after the vacancy on the Board has been filled, in accordance with rule 18 and the terms and conditions.

17. Constitution of the Board

1. The Board 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 Board 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 Board 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 Board member, the Board may fill casual vacancies for the balance of the term of office of the person who ceases to be a Board member, but so that the Board as a whole continues to fulfil the criteria required by the NRM Act.

18. Selection of Board members

1. At each annual general meeting of the Association, the *organisational* 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 members of the Association.
2. The selection panel is to hold office until the next annual general meeting 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 Board, the selection panel:
 - a) must, by advertisement placed in a newspaper that circulates throughout the region, invite nomination of persons as candidates;
 - 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 Board while serving on the panel.
5. The selection panel will assess nominations against the selection criteria 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 Board 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 (7)(b), the general meeting will provide instructions to the selection panel on the process of providing an amended recommendation to the general meeting.
9. If the general meeting accepts a recommendation or amended recommendation under subrule 7(a), then the recommended candidates are deemed appointed as members of the Board 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 4th 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 Board member becomes vacant if the officer or Board 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 a represented person within the meaning of the Guardianship and Administration Act 1995; or
- d) resigns office in writing addressed to the Board; or
- e) ceases to be resident in the State; or
- f) in the case of a Board member, fails, without leave granted by the Board, to attend 2 consecutive meetings of the Board.

20. Meetings of the Board and of subcommittees

1. The Board is to meet at least six times a year at any place and time the Board determines.
2. The chairperson or a quorum of its members may convene a special meeting of the Board.
3. Notice is to be given to members of the Board of any special meeting of the Board, 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 Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Board.
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 Board, 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 Board members as may be chosen by the Board members present.
8. Any question arising at a meeting of the Board or of any subcommittee appointed by the Board is to be determined on a show of hands.
9. Written notice of each Board meeting is to be served on each Board member by:
 - a) delivering it at a reasonable time before the meeting (including electronically if that has been agreed by the Board 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

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

22. Subcommittees

1. The Board may:
 - a) appoint a subcommittee from the Board; and
 - b) prescribe the terms of reference of that subcommittee.
2. The Board 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. There will be no annual subscription payable by members.

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 following year.

25. Accounts of receipts and expenditure

1. The financial and accounting activities of the association 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 members of the Association subject to any reasonable restrictions as to time and manner of inspecting the Board 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 Board directs.
5. The accounts, books and records are to be kept at the Association's office or at any other place the Board decides.

26. Banking and finance

1. The Board is to cause to be opened with any bank, building society or credit union the Board 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 Board 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 Board 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 Board, 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 Board.

27. Public Funds/Accounts

1. Establishment of Environment Fund

The Company has established under these Rules a public funds account, known as the *Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Fund*.

The Fund will be utilised to accept donations.

The objects of the Fund are identical to those of Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Association Incorporated as set out in Section 4 of these rules.

The Fund is established to receive all gifts of money or property for the purposes of the Objects. Any funds received will be credited to the Fund's Bank account.

Any monies or property not for this purpose must not be accepted into the Fund's Bank Account and must comply with Subdivision 30-E of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

The organisation must inform the Federal Department of Environment or it's successors as soon as possible if:

- changes are made to its name or the name of the Fund;
- there is any change to the membership of the management committee of the Fund; or
- there has been any departure from the model rules for public funds, as set out in the Guidelines to the Register of Environmental Organisations.

The Organisation agrees to comply with any rules that the Treasurer and the Minister with responsibility for the environment may make to ensure that gifts made to the Fund are only used for its principal purpose.

The income and property of the Organisation shall be used and applied solely in promotion of its objects and no portion shall be distributed, paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or by way of profit to members, directors, or trustees of the Organisation.

Any allocation of funds or property to other persons or organisation will be made in accordance with the established purposes of the organisation and not be influenced by the preference of the donor.

2. Winding up of the Fund

If any surplus remains following the winding up of the Fund, the surplus will not be paid to or distributed amongst Members, directors or trustees of the Organisation, but will be given or transferred to another institution or corporation which has:

- Objects which are similar to the objects of the Company as set out Section 4.
- A fund that is on the Register of Environmental Organisations.

3. Reporting upon the Fund.

Any statistical information requested by the Federal Department of Environment or it's successors, concerning donations to the Fund, will be provided within four (4) months of the end of the Financial Year.

An audited financial statement for the Organisation and its Fund will be supplied with the annual statistical return. The statement will provide information on the expenditure of the Fund monies and the management of the Fund assets.

The Fund will abide by the model rules as necessary for tax deductible gift status.

28. Auditor

1. At each annual general meeting of the Association, the *organisational* 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 Association 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. If an appointment is not made at an annual general meeting, the Board is to appoint an auditor for the current financial year of the Association.
4. The auditor may only be removed from office by special resolution.
5. If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of auditor during the course of a financial year of the Association, the Board may appoint a person as the auditor to hold office until the next succeeding annual general meeting.

29. 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 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 Board member or any servant of the Association.

30. 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 Board 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 member of the Association, except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.
4. The Board is not to:
 - a) appoint a Board member to any office in the gift of the Board to the holder of which there is payable any remuneration by way of salary, fees or allowances; or
 - b) pay to a Board member any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth, other than sitting fees or stipends payable to Board members and agreed by the most recent annual general meeting, and the repayment of out-of-pocket expenses.
5. An employee, Board member or 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.

31. Notices

A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association on any member or Board 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.

32. 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 Board.

33. 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 Board.
3. The affixing of the seal is to be attested by the signatures of –
 - a) 2 Board members; or
 - b) the public officer of the Association and any other person the Board 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 Board.
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 Board, 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.