

THE COMMITTEE FOR SYDNEY INCORPORATED

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Notice is given that the annual general meeting of the Committee for Sydney Incorporated (the "**Committee**") will be held at 3.30 pm on Thursday, 3 November 2022 via Zoom.

BUSINESS

- (a) To confirm the minutes of the preceding annual general meeting held on 3 November 2021;
- (b) To receive from the Executive Committee reports upon the business of the Committee during the last preceding Financial Year;
- (c) To receive and consider the financial statements and auditor's report submitted by the Executive Committee in accordance with s 44 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW);
- (d) To hold elections for the vacant positions on the Executive Committee.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- a) To adopt changes to the Committee's Constitution.



Michael Rose
Chairman

NOTES:

Who may vote

Persons whose names are set out in the Committee's register of members at the time of the meeting are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by this notice.

Proxies - Appointment

A Member of the Committee who is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting through its Representative may appoint another person as their proxy.

Proxies - Lodgement

To be valid, a proxy form must be received by the Secretary no later than 1 hour before the time of the meeting using the form attached to this meeting notice. Proxies may be submitted:

- (a) in person to the Secretary;
- (b) by email: committee@sydney.org.au

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF MEMBERS (SPECIAL BUSINESS)

Item of Business – Amendment to the Constitution

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

That the Constitution of the Committee for Sydney (**Constitution**) be amended as per the identified changes in Attachment 1.

Explanatory Notes

Item of Business – Amendment to the Constitution

Following a review of the Committee's Constitution, the Executive Committee is recommending to Members that changes be incorporated to assist with the future growth of the Committee.

The proposed changes simplify the Objects and speak more directly to the research we do, in order to maximise the Committee's chances of being designated as an Approved Research Institute by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). This would open the door to receiving Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status and create new pathways to fund research.

Having reviewed the “purposes” of similar organisations such as the Grattan Institute, we believe we can do this in a way that is entirely consistent with our longstanding scope of activities.

These changes do not change the activity of the Committee or its membership structure.

If we are approved by the ATO, we would establish a process for separately allocating and managing tax deductible gifts, as per ATO guidelines. This would include:

- Research Committee and financial structure to manage and report on donations.
- Establishing a Research Committee of five suitably qualified people. This group would be responsible for allocating the tax-deductible funds to specific projects and ensuring they are spent in accordance with eligible research purposes. Atilla Brungs, Vice Chancellor of UNSW and CFS Board member, has agreed to chair the Research Committee.
- The Research Committee would meet as needed to review a program nominated by the Committee for Sydney Executive Committee and to give substantive support to research projects.
- A separate account to manage and track DGR donations will also need to be established.

A copy of the Constitution, highlighting the proposed changes, is provided in [Attachment 1](#).

A clean copy of the Constitution (as amended) is provided in [Attachment 2](#).



FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I of
..... being a

Member of Committee for Sydney Incorporated hereby appoint

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as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the annual general meeting of the Committee to be held
on the 3rd day of November 2022 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote on my behalf in relation to each resolution put before the above
meeting on which I am entitled to vote.

Signed

Date



FORM OF NOMINATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

This form is to nominate a candidate for election as an Executive Committee Member.

Each Executive Committee Member (except the Chairman and Deputy Chairman) holds office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the Executive Committee Members' election. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman hold office for a period of 2 years from the date of their election.

*Nominations for candidates for election as Executive Committee Members are to be made in writing, signed by 2 Members and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate. This should be delivered to the Secretary at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place. Candidates must be a Representative of a Corporate Member**

Candidate for nomination:

Organisation:

Candidate's consent to nomination

Signature:

Date:

First nominating member

Name:

Organisation:

Signature:

Date:

Second nominating member

Name:

Organisation:

Signature:

Date:

Please provide nominations by 5pm on Friday, 21 October 2022 to:

committee@sydney.org.au

*A Representative of a Corporate Member is a Chief Executive Officer (by whatever name called) or such other senior officer approved by the Executive Committee of each Corporate Member. A Corporate Member is a body corporate, firm, partnership or unincorporated association that pays an annual subscription fee to be a member of the Committee.