

Goolawah Co-operative Rules Review

On 19.1.19 members voted to adopt the full revision of the Co-operative Rules.

Since then the policy committee has been keeping note of any rules that may require revision to ensure the co-op complies with Co-operative National Law (CNL) and Co-operatives National Regulations (CNR). There is some scope to adapt rules to suit the particular activities of the co-op. Regular revision of Rules and Policies is considered good practice.

Advice from a teleconference with Justice Connect on the 16.4.21 and the Governance Training on the 24.4.21 has been taken into consideration.

Prior to any Special Resolution proposal discussion will take place at a General Meeting. Members may like to familiarise themselves with the rules being considered for revision.

All Rule changes must be submitted to the Registrar within 28 days of members approving the Special Resolution, and a complete set of Rules must be submitted along with the application to the Department of fair Trading. Each Rule change attracts a fee of \$32 up to a maximum of \$211 per application.

Rule	Comment
5. Objects	5c is the only current objective – add to this
9. By-laws	Community consultation and feedback required
10. Active membership provision	Prior permission from Registrar is required
19 c. Road Levy	Change to Infrastructure levy
21. Fines payable by members	CNL allows a fine up to \$1,000
22. Disputes and mediation	Change e. ii) to a person trained in Alternate Dispute Resolution
33. Election of directors	Nominations shall be submitted 2 weeks prior to the AGM – adopted 1.5.21
34. Appointment of secretary	Board shall elect the secretary (CNLs190)
35. Director's remuneration	Allow Work Claims?
42. Decisions at general meetings	Amend to comply with CNLs256
43. Proxy votes	Closed proxies only?
45 d. General meetings	Delete 'scheduled monthly general meeting'
52. Proceedings of the board	Increase quorum to 5, delete b. (invalid)
55. Delegation and board committees	Review
Additional Rules:	
• Suspension of members	Model Rule Additional step before Expulsion
• Standing Orders Director Meetings	Currently have Standing Orders for GMs, none for DMs

