



**New South Wales Society of Labor Lawyers
Proposed Special Resolutions for the 2016 Annual General Meeting**

The following special resolutions have been proposed for the 2016 AGM:

1. Removal of obligation to audit the Society's accounts

In Clause 17, delete the paragraphs:

The Treasurer shall cause the financial records of the Society to be audited by a Certified Practising Accountant annually, and within three months of the end of the Society's financial year.

The Certified Practising Accountant is to be chosen by resolution of the committee.

The Treasurer shall cause for the audited financial records of the Society to be kept for a minimum of seven years.

The reasons for the constitutional amendment are as follows:

The cost of an audit is around 10% of what the Society raises in membership fees. The Society has limited income and expenditure, and the cost of an audit is approximately what it would cost to hold an event. The requirement for an audit is imposed by the Act only on organisations with a turnover of over \$250,000 or assets of over \$500,000. If the amendment to clause 17 is carried, the Society will have to comply with the Financial Statement requirements in s 47 of the Act. The Secretary still retains a discretion under the s 51 of the Act to require an audit.

2. Online membership application forms

Replace Clause 4(1)(a) with:

must be made by a member of the Society in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to this constitution, or in a form otherwise specified by the secretary, and

The reasons for the constitutional amendment are as follows:

The amendment to this section simply formalises the use of online membership forms for membership nominations, as has been standard practice for some time. The prescribed use of a paper membership form is out of step with the modern methods employed by the Society.