The Constitution of the Northern Rivers Greens

1 Name & Coverage of Electoral Districts

- 1.1 The name of the group shall be the Northern Rivers Greens (NRG)
- 1.2 NRG shall cover the following electoral districts:
- 1.2.1 The Local Government Areas (LGA) of: Lismore City Council, Richmond Valley Council and Kyogle Council
- 1.2.2 The State seat of Lismore
- 1.2.3 The Federal seat of Page, in cooperation with the Clarence Valley Greens and the Ballina Greens via a joint preselection. The Federal seat of Richmond, in cooperation with the Byron Greens and Tweed Greens via a joint preselection.

2 Aims & Objectives

- 2.1.1 NRG endorses and agrees to abide by the 4 Green principles, the Charter and Constitution of the Australian Greens and the Constitution of the Greens NSW
- 2.1.2 NRG aims to represent The Greens in its electoral districts in such ways as will bring credit, respect and support to The Greens
- 2.2 The objectives of NRG shall be to:
- 2.2.1 Seek the implementation of The Greens philosophy, ideals and goals as outlined in the Charter of the Australian Greens
- 2.2.2 Facilitate the election of members of The Greens to local government and state and federal parliaments
- 2.2.3 Work harmoniously and cooperatively with other Greens groups under the umbrella of the Greens NSW and the Australian Greens to achieve common objectives.

3 Charter

Our vision for the future is predicated on the following four principles which unite the international Green movement:

- 3.1 ecological sustainability
- 3.2 social equality and economic justice
- 3.3 grassroots democracy
- 3.4 peace, disarmament and non violence

4 Powers

The Northern Rivers Greens shall be empowered to:

- 4.1 Publicly promote the Objectives and Charter of NRG
- 4.2 Enter into contracts and agreements to further the Objectives
- 4.3 Raise and expend funds in pursuit of the Objectives and policies
- 4.4 Appoint via the usual decision making processes, committees to carry on the work of NRG between general meetings
- 4.5 Make and adopt 'standing orders' for the:
- 4.5.1 Conduct of meetings
- 4.5.2 Election of Officers and filling of casual vacancies
- 4.5.3 Participation in the Greens NSW Quick Decision Making Process
- 4.5.4 Preselection procedures
- 4.5.5 Conduct of election campaigns
- 4.5.6 Preparation and issue of media releases
- 4.5.7 Publication of an NRG Newsletter
- 4.5.8 Approving expenditure and paying of accounts
- 4.5.9 Drafting, consideration and adoption of relevant policies
- 4.5.10 Resolution of disputes and mediation of conflict
- 4.5.11 Any other purpose which will further the Objectives and Charter.

5 Membership

- 5.1 Eligibility
- 5.1.1 Membership is open to people who are not a member of another political party or other prescribed political organisation (other than the Greens NSW or the Australian Greens) and who endorse the 4 Green principles, the Charter and Constitution of the Australian Greens and the Constitutions of the Greens NSW and NRG.
- 5.2. Procedure for new memberships
- 5.2.1 To apply for membership of NRG an applicant shall complete an NRG membership application form, or a prescribed form for application for membership of the Greens NSW or apply online to NSW Greens and submit the completed form to the Treasurer or Membership Secretary of NRG or the office of the Greens NSW.
- 5.2.2 Existing members or new applicants for membership of the Greens NSW may apply to become members of the NRG in accordance with this constitution, but shall be considered to be non group members of the Greens NSW until such time as their application for membership of NRG has been approved.
- 5.3 Consideration of applications for membership
- 5.3.1 At the commencement of any meeting the facilitator shall ask any observers present to introduce themselves and if they are prospective new members to advise that they are seeking membership of NRG.
- 5.3.2 Consideration of applications for membership shall be the last item of business on the agenda of any meeting of NRG unless there are confidential agenda items, in which case these matters will be dealt with as the final item of meetings business.
- 5.4 Applications considered in the following manner
- 5.4.1 The meetings facilitator shall advise the meeting when this item of business is reached and advise any applicants for membership and other observers present to leave the meeting.
- 5.4.2 The Secretary, Membership Secretary or proxy on behalf of Membership Secretary, shall table applications for membership received since the last meeting, including online applications from Greens NSW and NRG websites, and advise the applications are in order.
- 5.4.3 Members shall be entitled to confidentially discuss the merits of admitting the applicant for membership, to allow an opportunity for any member to raise concerns they have regarding the admission of an applicant, whether on a personal or political level. Concerns raised may be addressed by members or may be referred to the applicant for further information. The discussion is not to be included in the meeting minutes.
- 5.4.4 Consideration of an application shall result in a decision to either admit the applicant as a member of NRG or decline the application for membership of NRG or defer a decision pending further consideration at the next general meeting of NRG.
- 5.4.5 No decision to approve an application for membership shall be effective unless the support of 75% of the members present, as expressed through a show of hands, or where requested, a secret ballot of members present has been obtained.
- 5.4.6 The Secretary may at their discretion, defer the consideration and/or decision regarding any application for membership until the next scheduled general meeting.
- 5.5 Applicants advised of outcome
- 5.5.1 Following the consideration of an application for membership the Membership Secretary shall personally advise the applicant of the outcome of their application either in person, phone call, letter or email, and shall note on the application form the date of that advice.
- 5.5.2 The Membership Secretary, or other delegate of the meeting, may where appropriate seek further information from the applicant to assist the applications further consideration.
- 5.5.3 Where an application for membership is declined, NRG shall not provide a reason
- 5.5.4 Where an applicant for membership is declined, no fresh application for membership may be made or considered for a period of 12 months after the applications refusal.
- 5.6 Entitlements of members

- 5.6.1 Any financial member of NRG may vote in any ballot or at a meeting of NRG 3 months after their application for membership has been accepted. This implies a 3 month provisional membership after acceptance of membership in line with Greens NSW constitution.
- 5.6.2 Membership of NRG entitles the member to participate in all decisions of NRG and vote in ballots conducted by NRG, the Greens NSW and the Australian Greens, including preselection and policy ballots etc.
- 5.6.3 Any member of NRG may nominate for any office within NRG, the Greens NSW or the Australian Greens.
- 5.6.4 Any member of NRG who is eligible under the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 may nominate for preselection in any of the electoral districts described in s.1.2
- 5.7 Membership fees
- 5.7.1 The annual membership fee shall be set at any general meeting in line with the rates set by the Greens NSW.
- 5.7.2 Successful applications for membership must include payment of the annual NRG membership fee.
- 5.7.3 Upon payment of the membership fee the Membership Secretary or Secretary shall enter the name, address, email address and any phone numbers of the new member onto the registers of members (i.e. Gmail Contacts) maintained by NRG Membership Secretary or Secretary. The members contact information and 2/3 of the membership fee, or as required for concession or young greens, sent to the Greens NSW for inclusion in the database.
- 5.7.4 The membership year shall commence on 1 July each year. New members who join after 1 January will be accorded membership upto 30 June of the following year.
- 5.7.5 Membership is renewable annually by paying the membership fee due on 1 July. Members shall remain financial until 30 September in the next financial year.
- 5.7.6 From 30 September in any year members who do not renew their membership by paying the annual fee are deemed to be unfinancial and cannot vote at any meeting or in any ballot held by NRG, the Greens NSW or the Australian Greens.
- 5.7.7 Status as a financial member can be regained by paying the full annual fee within the current membership year.
- 5.7.8 On 1 July of any year, after 12 months of non payment of membership fees, any unfinancial members shall have their membership cancelled and will need to reapply to join NRG.
- 5.8 Termination of membership Membership of NRG may be terminated by:
- 5.8.1 A member providing written advice of their resignation to the Secretary
- 5.8.2 Cancellation of membership due to non payment of membership fees
- 5.8.3 Expulsion from NRG under s.9.1
- 5.8.4 The death of a member
- 5.9 Disputes and Mediation
- 5.9.1 Disputes involving NRG members, or NRG, shall be attempted to be resolved in a fair and timely manner in accordance with dispute resolution or conflict mediation procedures prepared and adopted under s.4.5.10
- 5.9.2 Members of NRG shall exercise their best endeavors to mediate, reconcile and resolve any and all disputes.
- 5.9.3 Members of NRG shall not comment publicly upon, and will maintain the confidentiality within The Greens in regard to any dispute between members of NRG, between NRG and any of its members, or between NRG and another related Greens party.
- 5.9.4 Members of NRG shall not pursue disputes with a member of another related Greens party, or with a related Greens party, except without the support and agreement of NRG.
- 5.9.5 Disputes by NRG with other related Greens parties shall be considered at a general meeting and addressed in the first instance through relevant written correspondence.
- 5.9.6 Where action under 5.9.5 is impossible or does not resolve the dispute, the dispute shall be placed on the agenda of the meeting of the State Delegates Council (SDC) of the

Greens NSW for consideration and action, potentially with the application of mediation procedures from the Greens NSW and/or the Australian Greens.

6 Finance

- 6.1 The finances of NRG shall be accounted for through the creation and maintenance of separate accounts for 'administrative' and 'campaign' purposes.
- 6.2 The 'campaign' account shall operate in accordance with the requirements of electoral laws.
- 6.3 The financial records of NRG shall be audited annually and presented to the AGM.
- The application of NRG funds to pay a bill or incur expenses shall require a relevant resolution to be agreed at a general meeting, or shall otherwise be carried out in accordance with a 'standing order' adopted under s.4.5.8.

7. Officers

- 7.1 The Officers of NRG shall be Secretary, Treasurer, Convenor, Returning Officer and/or Deputy Returning Officer, Membership Secretary, Publicity Officer, Website Editor, Social Media Officer and Koori Relationships Advocate.
- 7.2 The Officers, except for the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer, shall be elected annually at the AGM in accordance with a 'standing order' adopted under s.4.5.2.
- 7.3 The Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer shall be elected at a general meeting, in accordance with a 'standing order' adopted under s.4.5.4.
- 7.4 No person may serve more than 3 consecutive years in any particular office.
- 7.5 An Officers position may be declared vacant by the current Officer or the carrying of a resolution to that effect by:
- 7.5.1 Consensus decision at any general meeting or
- 7.5.2 Failing consensus, by decision taken by 75% of the financial members present at the next general meeting.
- 7.6 Casual vacancies in any Officer position may be filled at general meeting as per a 'standing order' under s.4.5.2.

7.7 Roles of the Officers

- 7.7.1 The Secretary
 - shall be responsible for:
 - a) Preparation of minutes of general meetings and AGMs
 - b) Preparation of agendas, notices and business papers for meetings of NRG
 - c) receiving and reporting to the next general meeting mail or other correspondence addressed to NRG
 - d) maintaining up to date copies of NRG Constitution, 'standing orders' and policies
 - e) Acting in accordance with the requirements of the various NSW and Commonwealth electoral and funding Acts and Regulations
 - f) Giving notice of and calling an unscheduled general meeting where a written request for such a meeting, signed by 5 financial members has been received by the Secretary
 - g) Preparing formal advice of appointment of delegates to the Delegates Council of The Greens NSW

7.7.2 The Treasurer

shall be responsible for:

- Maintaining an 'administrative' account at a financial institution on behalf of NRG
- b) Maintaining a 'campaign' account at a financial institution on behalf of NRG
- c) Providing a financial report to each general meeting and an Annual Financial Statement to the AGM
- d) Submitting all accounts due to a general meeting for approval for payment
- e) Collecting and appropriately depositing in its accounts all monies due to and /or received by NRG
- f) Ensuring that the adequate records, via books and accounts, are kept showing the financial affairs of NRG, including full details of all receipts and expenditures of NRG

h) Collection and receipt of membership fees and the forwarding of membership monies to the Membership Secretary of The Greens NSW

7.7.3 The Convener

The Convener shall be responsible for:

- a) Election of a facilitator at the beginning of each meeting
- b) Preparing, in consultation with the Secretary, Treasurer and any committees appointed under s.4.4 a written Annual Report which includes an Annual Financial Statement
- c) Liaison with other local Greens Branches, the Greens NSW and the Australian Greens
- d) Acting as Spokesperson for NRG generally

7.7.4 The Website Editor

The Website Editor shall be responsible for:

- a) Preparing and publishing the NRG Website in accordance with the wishes of the meetings of NRG and any 'standing orders' adopted under s.4.5.7
- b) Ensuring, to the best of their ability and knowledge that the NRG Website is accurate, accessible to the membership and free of defamatory material.

7.7.5 The Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer

The Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer shall be responsible for:

- a) Calling for nominations for preselection candidates in a nominated electoral district
- b) Carrying out the preselection process for an electoral district in accordance with NRG Constitution, the appropriate 'standing order' adopted under s.4.5.4 and within any preselection budget agreed to by NRG
- c) Reporting on the conduct/results of the preselection process to a general meeting of NRG
- d) Appointing Assistant Returning Officers, not being preselection nominees or nominators, to assist in the conduct of the preselection process.

7.7.6 The Membership Secretary

The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for:

- Maintaining an up to date register of members of NRG
- b) Liaison with the membership secretary of The Greens NSW in relation to members of NRG
- c) Maintaining and distributing new member information as required
- d) Liaison with the convener of NRG
- e) Preparation of a membership report for the Annual General Meeting and other general meetings as required.

7.7.7 The Publicity Officer

The Publicity Officer shall be responsible for:

- a) Producing and distributing, as a minimum, a monthly media release, primarily publicising any significant motions that were passed at the prior NRG general meeting
- b) Collaborating with the NRG Website Editor, Social Media Secretary, and any relevant assistants, for the purpose of maintaining NRGs positive public image
- c) Production and publicising of media releases as requested or required by the Convenor and/or Secretary to inform the public about NRG events and policies
- d) Regularly maintaining a functional relationship with as many media outlets and news publishers as possible, on behalf of the NRG Convener and/or Secretary
- e) Maintaining an ongoing contact list of media outlets and news publishing organisation whose services are, or have been, utilised by NRG
- f) Furnishing a written annual NRG Publicity Report, formally briefing members on publicising actions that have occurred throughout the previous year
- g) Working closely with all other NRG office bearers and any teams or election committees regarding desired representation of NRG in the public domain
- h) Conscientiously prioritising the public image and reputation of NRG above the publicity of particular events and/or policies

7.7.8 The Social Media Officer

The Social Media Officer shall be responsible for:

- a) Maintenance of the NRG Facebook and any other social media outlets
- b) Collaborating with the NRG Website Editor, Publicity Officer, and any relevant assistants, for the purpose of maintaining NRG positive public image
- c) Publicising media releases etc as requested or required by the Convener and/or Secretary to inform the public about NRG events and policies etc
- d) Furnishing a written annual NRG Social Media Report, formally briefing members on the major social media events, issues and outcomes achieved during the previous year
- e) Working closely with all other NRG office bearers and any teams or election committees regarding desired representation of NRG in the public domain
- f) Conscientiously prioritising the public image and reputation of NRG above the publicity of particular events and/or policies

7.7.9 The Koori Relationships Advocate

The Koori Relationships Advocate (the Advocate) shall be responsible for:

- a) Regularly updating NRG on details of meetings, gatherings and/or events that are coming up within the Koori community.
- b) Encourage NRG members to attend such Koori engagements as themselves if not NRG representatives where permissible.
- c) Regularly update key Koori organisations of upcoming NRG meetings and/or events.
- d) Remain abreast of Koori media outlets, and regularly ensure that NRG's Publicity Officer is including such outlets in their media releases.

7.8 Spokesperson

- 7.8.1 The NRG Convenor, NRG members elected to office at local, state and federal government levels, and NRG endorsed candidates are official spokespersons.
- 7.8.2 An NRG general meeting, Annual General Meeting or a Special meeting may appoint additional spokespersons
- 7.8.3 The exercise of the Convenor or additional spokespersons role as Spokesperson is only valid if the person consults with at least 3 other office bearers before any communication is made on behalf of NRG
- 7.8.4 Members should not act as NRG spokespersons unless authorized under this section.

8 Conduct of Meetings and Decision Making

8.1 General meetings

- 8.1.1 A minimum of 6 general meetings of NRG shall be held in any year; each to be held in a separate month.
- 8.1.2 Additional general meetings may be held from time to time as decided by the general meeting.
- 8.1.3 The Secretary shall call a general meeting after receiving a written request for such a meeting signed by 5 financial members, following the giving of 7 days written notice of the meeting to all members.
- 8.1.4 A quorum for a general meeting shall be 5 financial members or where the financial membership of NRG exceeds 50, 10 financial members.
- 8.1.5 Every general meeting shall elect a facilitator and minutes taker for that meeting as its first item of business.
- 8.1.6 Minutes of NRG meetings shall include records of those present, apologies, corrections to previous minutes, proposals carried by consensus and such other notes as the meeting seems fit to include from time to time.
- 8.1.7 NRG shall conduct their meetings on a consensus basis and in accordance with a 'consensus meeting procedure' prepared and adopted under s.4.5a above;
- 8.1.8 Meetings of duly appointed committees of NRG shall conduct their meetings in a manner consistent with procedures for general meetings.
- 8.1.9 Each general meeting or committee meeting shall decide the time, place and date of the next meeting or meetings.

8.2 Annual General Meeting

- 8.2.1 Wherever possible the first general meeting in September each year shall be the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 8.2.2 The date, time and place of the AGM shall be set at a general meeting held in July or August.
- 8.2.3 Notice of, and a draft Agenda for, the AGM shall be provided in writing to all members by the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the proposed date of the AGM.
- 8.2.4 A quorum for the AGM shall be ten financial members if the membership is 50 or less, fifteen financial members if the membership is 100 and twenty financial members if the membership is more than 100.
- 8.2.5 The AGM shall elect a Facilitator, Minutes Taker and Speakers List Taker for that meeting as its first item of business.
- 8.2.6 Minutes of the meetings of the NRG AGMs shall include records of those present, apologies, any corrections to previous AGM minutes, proposals carried by consensus and such other notes as the AGM sees fit to include from time to time.
- 8.2.7 The AGM shall be conducted on a consensus basis and in accordance with a 'consensus meeting procedure' prepared and adopted under s.4.5.1.
- 8.2.8 The Agenda of the AGM shall include:
 - a) Election of Officers
 - b) Presentation of the Annual Report and Annual Financial Statement
 - c) Consideration of any proposed amendments to this Constitution
 - d) other general business.
- 8.2.9 The documents, including constitution, standing orders and policies, and the records, including minutes, membership list, accounts and financial statements, of NRG shall be available for members inspection for one hour prior to the commencement of, and during, the AGM.

9 Accountability

9.1 Of Members

Where a member of NRG:

- 9.1.1 Is concerned that another member has failed to act in accordance with this Constitution, any 'standing orders' made under s4.5, or in breach of the Constitution of the Greens NSW or contrary to the Charter of the Australian Greens, the issue will be considered at a general meeting and an opportunity will be afforded to the member to respond to the concerns
- 9.1.2 Having responded to the concerns at a general meeting without resolution, the matter may be referred for action under a 'standing order' made under s.4.5.10
- 9.1.3 Fails to satisfy the concerns of those members present, and the general meeting decides the circumstances warrant it, the member will be issued with a verbal warning by the facilitator of that meeting and advised of courses of action which could repair the situation
- 9.1.4 Repeatedly breaches the constitution, 'standing orders' or charter cited above, or commits acts which brings NRG, the Greens NSW, the Australian Greens, or any of their member groups or related parties into disrepute, a general meeting may decide to initiate the procedure for expulsion of the member as follows:
 - the Secretary shall advise the member in writing of the alleged offence, stating courses of action which the member could take to repair the situation, and shall request a written response from the member within a specified period
 - b) the Secretary shall table the letter advising the member of the alleged offence and any written response provided by the member, at the next general meeting for further consideration
 - c) where the next general meeting, having allowed an opportunity for the member to repair the situation, is of the opinion that expulsion of the member is required, the meeting may expel the member by a consensus decision, or failing consensus, by a decision supported by 75% of the financial members present at the following meeting.
- 9.1.5 Has been expelled by a decision of the general meeting, the Secretary shall within 14 days of the decision, write to the member advising them of their expulsion from NRG

9.1.6 Has been expelled, they cannot reapply for admission as a member for a period of 12 months from the date of the general meeting which expelled them.

9.2 Of Officers

- The Officers of NRG shall be held accountable via s.7.5 and s.9.1 and the following provisions:
- 9.2.1 The Secretary shall provide a report to each meeting of correspondence received and any other business carried out on behalf of NRG since the last meeting
- 9.2.2 The Treasurer shall provide a report to each meeting of the financial situation of NRG and all financial business carried out on behalf of NRG since the last meeting
- 9.2.3 The Website Editor shall publish NRG website in accordance with all relevant state and federal regulations and any relevant 'standing orders' adopted by NRG under s.4.5
- 9.2.4 The Convenor shall prepare in conjunction with the Secretary and Treasurer, a short Annual Report for presentation at the AGM, which outlines the activities of the NRG and its committees, reports the state of membership and includes an annual financial statement
- 9.2.5 The records, books and other documents of NRG shall be open for inspection at any reasonable hour, free of charge, by any member through prior arrangement with the Secretary or Treasurer as appropriate
- 9.3 Of Elected Representatives

 Members of NRG elected to public office shall be held accountable via s.9.1 and by the following provisions:
- 9.3.1 Regular attendance at meetings of NRG to provide reports of activities, answer questions and receive advice and directions
- 9.3.2 Regular attendance at meetings of any committees set up under s.4.4
- 9.3.3 Contribute regular articles to the website of NRG
- 9.3.4 Provide a yearly written report for inclusion in the Annual Report.

10 Preselection

- 10.1 All financial members of NRG are eligible for preselection as a candidate in the electoral districts covered by NRG under s.1.2 and as candidates for the NSW Legislative Council and the NSW positions in the Commonwealth Senate
- 10.2 Preselection for the council areas of Lismore City, Kyogle, Richmond Valley and the state seat of Lismore shall be held in accordance with a 'standing order' adopted under s.4.5.4
- 10.3 Preselection for the federal seat of Page shall be held jointly with The Clarence Valley Greens (TCVG) and Ballina Greens (BG) in accordance with a 'standing order' developed with and approved by TCVG, BG and adopted by NRG under s.4.5.4
- 10.4 The Secretary shall close the roll of members of NRG at an appropriate time decided by the general meeting which opens preselection
- 10.5 Provisions shall be made in any Budget of NRG, to permit the payment of reasonable expenses incurred in the conduct of any preselection;

11 Policy

- 11.1 NRG may adopt and promote the policies of the Greens NSW and the Australian Greens as their own
- 11.2 NRG and its individual members are entitled to participate in the formulation and review of the policies of the Greens NSW and the Australian Greens
- 11.3 NRG are empowered to make and adopt policy on issues within the electoral districts covered by NRG, provided that those local policies are consistent with the Charter of the Australian Greens
- 11.4 'standing orders' for preparing and adopting local policies for NRG may be adopted under s.4.5

12 Constitutional Change

- 12.1 Changes to this Constitution may be made at the Annual General Meeting of NRG by submitting to the Secretary:
- 12.1.1 At least 21 days prior to the date of the AGM
- 12.1.2 A written proposal which clearly states the proposed amendment
- 12.1.3 A written argument for the amendment no longer than one A4 page
- 12.2 Where the Secretary receives a proposed amendment to the Constitution they shall:
- 12.2.1 Provide a copy of the proposal and supporting argument to each member with the Notice of the AGM and the AGMs draft agenda
- 12.2.2 Include the proposal for Constitutional amendment on the draft agenda for the AGM
- 12.3 The proposed amendment may be altered at the AGM, consistent with consensus decision making practice, provided that such alterations do not completely refocus or substantially enlarge the scope of the original proposal
- 12.4 to succeed, the proposed Amendment must be agreed to by consensus or failing the obtaining of consensus, by acceptance by 75% of the financial members present.

13 Dissolution and Winding Up

- 13.1 Proposals to dissolve and wind up NRG may only be made at the Annual General Meeting of NRG by submitting to the Secretary:
- 13.1.1 At least 21 days prior to the date of the AGM
- 13.1.2 A written proposal which clearly states that NRG be now dissolved and wound up
- 12.1.3 A written argument for the dissolution and winding up which is no longer than one A4 page
- 13.2 Where the Secretary receives a proposal to dissolve and wind up NRG they shall:
- 13.2.1 Provide a copy of the proposal and supporting argument to each member with the Notice of the AGM and the AGM's draft agenda
- 13.2.2 Include the proposal for dissolution and winding up on the draft agenda for the AGM
- 13.3 To succeed, the proposal to dissolve and wind up NRG must be agreed to by consensus or failing the obtaining of consensus, by its acceptance by 75% of the financial members present
- 13.4 A proposal for dissolution and winding up shall specify a related party or community group with a commitment to a similar Charter, to whom any remaining assets and resources of NRG will be directed upon dissolution.