



SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES TO HCA CONSTITUTION – SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 4 NOVEMBER 2010

Clause	Heading	Summary of proposed change
2	Definitions	Definitions clarified and expanded to reflect the content of the new Constitution.
3	Objects	Objects amended and expanded to reflect current operations and to enable the Association to achieve Public Benevolent Institution or Health Promotion Charity status. This will enable HCA to get the FBT exemption required for salary packaging, making the salaries offered to staff more attractive.
5	Membership	Membership types have been clarified and tightened to ensure the Alliance is maintained as a consumer organisation. Exclusions are clear and explicit.
6	Applications	Applications now includes new and renewal. Rules and processes are clearer. Resignations and suspensions now specifically addresses breaches of the Act. Expulsion of a member is worded the way the OCBA like it within their model constitution document.
7	The Board	<p>This section now follows the format of the OCBA model constitution document and addresses a few things that were missing.</p> <p>That is, the need to have a Secretary; clarifying and including more detail on the three appointed members; and that the members elect the Chair and Deputy Chair only, not the Treasurer and Secretary, who will elected by the Board.</p> <p>Two year fixed terms have been introduced and maximum periods clarified.</p> <p>The Executive Director will no longer be a member of the Board.</p> <p>Disqualification of Board members has been expanded and clarified.</p>
8	The Seal	This is a new section and is very important.
9	General Meetings	<p>The differences between Ordinary and Special General Meetings has been clarified and the correct information about resolutions included.</p> <p>Voting and proxy voting has also been clarified.</p>