



THE SIR RICHARD WILLIAMS FOUNDATION

Special Resolution

Proposed Constitution Amendments for consideration

Annual General Meeting

22 October 2019

The 2016 and 2017 AGMs approved a series of amendments to the Constitution to remove duplication, provide clarity of intent and ensure compliance with contemporary guidelines.

A copy of the Foundation's current Constitution is attached (version 7 dated November 2017).

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Proposed Amendments

Amendment 1 Section 1 Introduction

The Board is proposing no change to the purpose of the Foundation in paragraph 1.1, namely strengthening Australia's national security by shaping and influencing policy decisions regarding Australia's defence with an emphasis on air power. The Board is proposing, however, the deletion of all words after "air power" in paragraph 1.1 as they are considered superfluous.

Paragraph 1.1 would now read:

1.1 The Sir Richard Williams Foundation (hereinafter called the Foundation) is an independent organisation whose primary purpose is to strengthen Australia's national security by shaping and influencing policy decisions regarding Australia's defence with an emphasis on air power.

Moved: Geoff Brown

Seconded:

Amendment 2 Section 1 Introduction

This proposed amendment is more significant. A new paragraph 1.2 is designed to acknowledge that air power cannot be considered in isolation and, as reflected in recent Foundation seminars, that the Foundation should also promote the generation of coherent and sustainable combat power by Navy, Army and Air Force, particularly in a joint context. The proposed amendment will enable the Foundation to work more closely with Navy and Army on topics of their interest that are within the overall purpose of the Foundation.

The proposed new paragraph 1.2 would read:

- 1.2 *The Foundation also promotes national security policies that:*
- i. *promote the generation of coherent and sustainable combat power by Navy, Army and Air Force; particularly in a joint context, including through the wider Australian national scientific and support base.*
 - ii. *influence the evolving regional strategic environment in a manner favourable to Australia's security.*

Moved: Geoff Brown

Seconded

Amendment 3 Section 1 Introduction

The proposed paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 make the first two dot points of the current paragraph 1.3 redundant. This proposed amendment is for a new paragraph 1.3 that would read:

- 1.3 *The Foundation aims to stimulate awareness, understanding and constructive debate on national security policies by conducting research, publishing papers, consulting with senior defence officials and industry representatives and hosting seminars and workshops.*

Moved: Geoff Brown

Seconded

Amendment 4 Section 1 Introduction

To renumber the current paragraph 1.3 to 1.4 with no change to the wording.

Moved: Geoff Brown

Seconded

Amendment 5 Section 12 Funds

The current paragraph 12.7 states that members' annual subscriptions shall be due on 1 July. This is not current practice as the annual subscription is due 12 months from the date of the member application or renewal in any year.

The proposed amendment is to replace paragraphs 12.7 with the following to reflect current business practices:

- 12.7 *The Financial Year of the Foundation shall end on 30 June in any year. Annual member subscriptions shall be due 12 months from the date of the member application or renewal in any year."*

Moved: Ken Moore

Seconded