Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand INC.

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Annual General Meeting 2025 - Executive Board Remits

Remit 1: New Vision for DANZ

The Executive Board moves:

a) that the current vision of Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand Incorporated (*"Full access and participation for Deaf in Aotearoa / New Zealand"*) is replaced; and
b) that members vote for their preferred new Vision from the following four options:

1) "Deaf people have full access".
2) "Full access and participation for Deaf in Aotearoa / New Zealand".
3) "Deaf People Thriving".
4) "Deaf people have full access through New Zealand Sign Language".

Remit 2: Membership ceases if a member brings DANZ into disrepute

The Executive Board moves that a new rule is added to the Constitution so that a member ceases to be a member (and an associate member ceases to be an associate member) if in the Executive Board's opinion they have done something to bring DANZ into disrepute. This will be new rule 4.6.1.4:

"4.6.1 A member ceases to be a member (and an associate member ceases to be an associate member):

…

4.6.1.4 if in the opinion of the Executive Board the member has brought the Society into disrepute."

Remit 3: Introduction to dispute resolution process

The Executive Board moves that new rules are added to the Constitution to explain how the compulsory dispute resolution process required by the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 works in practice. These will be new rules 10.1.1 and 10.1.2:

<u>New rule 10.1.1:</u>

"10.1.1 The Society, Officers, and members must use the dispute resolution process in this Part 10 for resolving any Dispute which relates to the vision, mission, strategy, or membership of the Society as an incorporated society."

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New rule 10.1.2:

"10.1.2 The dispute resolution process in this Constitution does not apply to:

10.1.2.1 any advocacy matters relating to members or the Society's activities working and/or advocating on behalf of members; or

10.1.2.2 any operational or staff-related matters relating to the Society,

which should be directed to the Company to deal with."

Notes on Remit 3:

- Rule 10.1.3 is not included.
- Defined terms are consistent with the proposed new Constitution moved under Remit 4.

Remit 4: New Constitution for re-registration under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Background:
Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand Incorporated was incorporated on 7 February 1978 under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

There has been a law change and all existing incorporated societies must re-register under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 by 5 April 2026. Otherwise, they will cease to exist as legal entities. Ceasing to exist as a legal entity would have very serious negative consequences for DANZ (and, as a result, also DAHL).

On 1st September 2025 the Executive Board circulated a proposed new Constitution to members, which meets the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and will allow DANZ to re-register.

Motion:
The Executive Board moves that Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand Incorporated adopt the proposed new Constitution, as circulated to members prior to the Annual General Meeting, to replace the existing Constitution in its entirety, effective from the date of re-registration under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Notes on Remit 4:

- The outcome of Remit 1 (new Vision) will be incorporated into the proposed new Constitution.
- The proposed new Constitution contains new rules 4.6.1.4, 10.1.1, and 10.1.2. If either or both of Remits 2 and 3 fail, the relevant wording will be removed from the proposed new Constitution.

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- Following the AGM, the Executive Board and/or DANZ's legal advisors will apply for re-registration in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.