

POLICY FOR RECONSIDERING POLICIES, COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DECISIONS

Intention of this Policy

The intention is to balance the need for community members to reconsider decisions that have already been made, with respect for the time, energy and commitment that the community puts into every decision that it makes as a group. This process should ensure that only matters of real importance to the community will be reconsidered. It should also ensure that when a decision is reconsidered it is done in a way that maintains the cohesion of the group and reflects our consensus decision making process.

Procedure for Reopening Decisions (including policy decisions)

1. A community member who wants the community to reconsider a decision should start by researching the existing decision, including providing the following information in writing:

- a) What the current decision is
- b) What other possibilities were considered at the time the original decision was made.
- c) Reasons for selection of that decision and rejection of other possibilities at that time
- d) What new information has become available or how the situation has changed since the original decisions, which might suggest a rethink is necessary

2. When this is all clear the member should take this information to the Directors. Directors may delegate this to another group if they think appropriate seeking their agreement to put it on a General Meeting agenda.

3. If Directors or their delegates decline and do not think that reconsidering the decision to be in the interests of the community, then the member may still seek to do so provided that they gain the support of at least six households. The six households should include households with diverse views on the policy/decision, for example some in favour of retaining the policy as it is and some interested in rethinking or reviewing it. This will help ensure a balanced preparation of the issues for the General Meeting and to increase the likelihood of a consensus decision emerging from the revisit.

4. Any members wishing to reconsider an issue at a General Meeting will provide the following information:

- a) The rationale for why a rethink is necessary: Any new information or experience that suggests the decisions needs to be reconsidered
- b) The six households who think reconsideration would be helpful for whatever reasons and an indication of their range of views.
- c) The pros and cons of changing the decision
- d) Cost or other material implications if any

5. If the Directors does not support reconsidering the issue and six households of diverse opinion on the issue cannot be raised then the decision will not be reconsidered.