



SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Australian and New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Japan

The Australian and New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Japan Executive Council has considered how to continue improving ANZCCJ's current leadership structure to reflect the Chamber's membership base, leverage experience within the Chamber and support the Chamber's mission. A core element of the leadership structure is the position of Vice Chair. Vice Chairs support the Chair and, are available to perform the duties of the Chair in their absence.

The Chamber's Constitution currently provides that there must always be two Vice Chairs and that they must both be Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents. The Executive Council has agreed to propose to members two changes to the Constitution to provide some flexibility:

- For there to be up to 3 Vice Chairs at any one point in time; and
- One Vice Chair position can be held by someone who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

The Chair and Vice Chairs (currently 2) are determined by the 12 elected Executive Councillors. The proposed changes will not vary this and responsibility for selection of a Chair and up to 3 Vice Chairs will remain with the Executive Council.

The Executive Council has decided to put this proposal to members for the following reasons:

- Vice Chairs play a significant role as representatives of the Chamber and the number of expected upcoming engagements and subsequent work load is expected to increase in the future, especially around the Rugby World Cup, Olympics and Paralympics;
- Non-Australian and New Zealand Executive Council members have played a key role in providing their expertise and leadership experience to the Executive Council and could play an increasing role to support the Chair;
- It is appropriate that the Executive Council have the flexibility to appoint someone who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen or resident to better reflect the Chamber's diversified membership which is: 41% Japanese, 31% Australian, 6% New Zealand, and 22% other nationalities.

The Executive Council therefore proposes the following amendments to be made to the ANZCCJ Constitution.

Article 3 Definitions

CURRENT

Office Bearer means the Chair, two Vice Chairs and Treasurer.

Vice Chair means the persons appointed in accordance with Article 6.3.

PROPOSED

Office Bearer means the Chair, **up to three (3)** Vice Chairs and Treasurer.

Vice Chair means the **person or** persons appointed in accordance with Article 6.3.

Article 6.5

CURRENT

The Chair and Vice Chair(s) shall each serve (2) Terms. The Treasurer shall serve (1) Term. All Office Bearers, with the exception of the Treasurer, shall be an Australian or a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand.

PROPOSED

The Chair and Vice Chair(s) shall each serve (2) Terms. The Treasurer shall serve (1) Term. All Office Bearers, with the exception of the Treasurer **and no more than one (1) Vice Chair**, shall be an Australian or a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand.