

# **TASMANIAN ELECTROLYSIS COMMITTEE**

## **CONSTITUTION**

**The purpose of the Tasmanian Electrolysis Committee is to provide a forum for decision-making, promoting the awareness of and action primarily in relation to electrolysis issues. It is also a forum for communication with stakeholders and end users.**

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## Name and Terms

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The name of the Association shall be TASMANIAN ELECTROLYSIS COMMITTEE hereinafter referred to as the COMMITTEE.

The following words have the meanings set out below in the Constitution:

**ELECTROLYSIS** means:

The action of an electrical current to cause chemical changes in an electrolyte.

**CATHODIC PROTECTION** means:

The prevention or reduction of corrosion of metal by making the metal the cathode in a galvanic or electrolytic cell.

**STRUCTURE** means:

A metal surface in contact with an electrolyte.

## Membership

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The COMMITTEE shall be composed of individuals, bodies or groups with a vested interest in electrolysis issues.

The COMMITTEE shall have the power to add to or subtract from the number of bodies represented. Each body represented shall have the power to withdraw unilaterally from the COMMITTEE.

In the event of the inability of a member of the COMMITTEE to attend a meeting, he or she shall have the right to nominate a proxy.

A quorum at any regular or special meeting shall be six members who are eligible to vote or to conduct business. (Members being one representative from each company)

## Objectives

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The COMMITTEE shall have the following aims and objectives in the fields of electrolysis and cathodic protection of buried and submerged metallic structures to:

- (1) enable the members of the COMMITTEE to be aware of, and to co-ordinate their activities;
- (2) share knowledge of the activity of non-member bodies as they affect the structures of members and other non-members;
- (3) share knowledge of technical advances;
- (4) advise other bodies on request or as considered appropriate as a committee of technical experts;
- (5) maintain contact with and co-ordinate activities where desirable with similar bodies in other states of Australia and overseas;
- (6) acquaint itself with and consider what might be done about the effects of stray electrical currents on metallic structures;
- (7) advise on the effects of electrolytic action on metallic structures;
- (8) advise whomsoever it considers appropriate on any aspect of electrolysis or cathodic protection;
- (9) if it sees fit, receive and investigate enquiries from any body or persons as to corrosion alleged to be caused by electrolytic action and, where such corrosion appears to be established or is anticipated, to:
  - a) determine the possible cause of the same and the rectification work that is appropriate in particular circumstances
  - b) consider and advise upon the most suitable methods for minimising or removing as far as possible such causes as determined under a (above)
- (10) promote the awareness of electrolysis issues in Tasmania
- (11) for the purpose of providing practical guidance the committee may develop and adopt a code of practice.

## Procedures

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The COMMITTEE shall be a non-profit consultative and advisory body.

The proceedings and activities of the COMMITTEE shall be solely of a consultative and advisory nature.

No member can commit or bind this COMMITTEE or the body he represents in any way or in anything whatsoever.

Nor can any decision of the COMMITTEE be binding on any member of the COMMITTEE or on the body he represents.

Nor shall the representation of any body on the COMMITTEE or in the concurrence of any representative in any resolution or decision or their compliance with any recommendation of the COMMITTEE be considered to affect in any way of the rights or remedies which any body may possess.

The essence of membership is to enable the aims and objectives of the COMMITTEE to be achieved without personal gain by any member.

The COMMITTEE shall elect the following Officers who shall hold such office for a period of 12 months.

- CHAIRMAN  
Who shall be independent of any body representative.
- MINUTE SECRETARY  
Who shall carry out or ensure the following duties are carried:
  - keep the records of any meetings of the COMMITTEE or any sub-committee,
  - write such letters as the COMMITTEE directs and
  - carry out any such duties as the COMMITTEE directs as would be consistent with the office of Secretary.
- TECHNICAL SECRETARY  
Who shall be a contact point for general technical enquiries.

The COMMITTEE may request that the Electrical Regulator or an appropriate Statutory Body engage a technically qualified person or body be engaged to carry out any investigations.

## **Financial Arrangements**

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Should the COMMITTEE need to maintain finances as necessary for the achievement of its aims and objectives. Such finance shall normally be obtained by a levy upon the bodies represented on the COMMITTEE.

## **Disbanding the Committee**

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The COMMITTEE shall be wound up when a minimum 75% of the members for the time being acting expressly in accordance with the wishes of the bodies that they represent agree to a resolution passed in a meeting of the COMMITTEE that the COMMITTEE be wound up.

The finances of the COMMITTEE at the date of winding up shall be used to defray the costs incurred in the process of winding up and the residual shall be reimbursed to the bodies represented on the COMMITTEE at that time either equally or in such other proportion as the COMMITTEE may determine.

The records of the COMMITTEE shall then be placed in the care of the Archives of the State of Tasmania. Charts, diagrams, drawings, and other documents in the possession of the COMMITTEE and obtained under the requirements of Clause 7(c) above shall be returned to the body which originally supplied them should that body request them.