



## 1.09 Membership (from HAAG Constitution)

### 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Any individual may become a full member of the group after they have filled in an application for membership form (see Appendix 1) and paid an annual fee. No annual fee is payable by Honourable Life Members.

3.2 Concern for equity in housing policy and provision and a commitment to act to achieve these ends.

3.3 Subscribers to the aims and objectives of the Housing for the Aged Action Group.

#### 3.4 Eligibility for Honourable Life Membership:

— The nominated person must have at least five years continuous membership to Housing for the Aged Action Group Inc

— Criteria for consideration of the nomination will include:

- Recognition of the person having made a significant, voluntary and meritorious contribution to the organisation

and

- The person having actively promoted the aims and objectives of Housing for the Aged Action Group.
- An individual who has shown leadership in their local community and which has positively influenced community views about housing issues for older Australians

#### Nomination Process

- Nominations can be made by any member of Housing for the Aged Action Group, employee or volunteer
- Nominations will be reviewed and determined by the Committee of Management
- Each nomination will be judged on its merits and must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Committee of Management.
- The number of Honorary Life Memberships is not to exceed four members at any time.

#### 3.5 Categories of membership shall be

- (a) Organisational membership
- (b) Individual membership
- (c) Newsletter membership
- (d) Members in association
- (e) Honorary Life Membership

#### 3.6 Voting rights

- (a) Members in classification 3.4 (a) and (b) and (e) shall have full voting rights
- (b) Members in classification 3.4 (c) and (d) will not have voting rights



#### **4. MEMBERSHIP FEES**

4.1 The annual fee shall be determined by the Committee.

4.2 The Committee may, at its discretion, waive the membership fee for individuals/groups who would be disadvantaged by paying such fee.

4.3 Fees are outlined on the annual membership application form with fee categories for

i. Pensioners

ii. Other individual members

iii. Organisations in receipt of less than \$25,000.00

iv. Organisations in receipt of more than \$25,000.00

#### **5. REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

A register of members will be kept and made available for inspection at the address of Housing for the Aged Action Group.

#### **6. RESIGNATIONS, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION**

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6.1 A member of the group may resign by giving notice in writing or by non-payment of annual membership fee within two months of it falling due.

6.2 Any member who has refused or neglected to comply with the rules and objectives of the group.

6.3 Any member, who in the opinion of the group, acts in a manner, which is contrary to the interests of the group, may be expelled by majority decision of two-thirds of those present at a general meeting.

6.4 The member shall (not less than seven days before the meeting at which it is to be considered) be informed in writing of the allegation and be invited to present a verbal or written explanation to the general meeting.

#### **7. APPEAL**

7.1 Any member of the Association who feels aggrieved by any decision under rules 6.2 and 6.3 may, by notice in writing given to the Association within one calendar month from the date of the decision, appeal against the decision.

7.2 Such notice shall state the grounds of appeal and this appeal shall be heard at a general meeting to be held not later than one month from giving of such notice.

7.3 On the hearing of any appeal the member who feels aggrieved shall be afforded full opportunity of being heard.

7.4 Until the hearing of any such appeal the decision of expulsion or suspension shall have full force and effect.