

QandA on Chapters 1 - 4 of the new SGLMG Constitution

QUESTION	Existing Const Reference	Proposed Const Reference	ANSWER
What is the difference between objects and purposes?	II	2	<p>Objects and Purposes are the same and explain why the organisation exists. Purposes are used as the Charities Act and ACNC Act refer to registered purposes. Every year SGLMG must submit a report to ACNC outlining the activities undertaken demonstrating that all activities are aligned to the purposes.</p> <p>Extract from the Charities Act. In any Act: charitable purpose means any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the purpose of advancing health;</li> <li>(b) the purpose of advancing education;</li> <li>(c) the purpose of advancing social or public welfare;</li> <li>(d) the purpose of advancing religion;</li> <li>(e) the purpose of advancing culture;</li> <li>(f) the purpose of promoting reconciliation, mutual respect and tolerance between groups of individuals that are in Australia;</li> <li>(g) the purpose of promoting or protecting human rights;</li> <li>(h) the purpose of advancing the security or safety of Australia or the Australian public;</li> <li>(i) the purpose of preventing or relieving the suffering of animals;</li> <li>(j) the purpose of advancing the natural environment;</li> <li>(k) any other purpose beneficial to the general public that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to, or within the spirit of, any of the purposes mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (j);</li> </ul> <p>SGLMG legally registered e, f, g and as such is bound by law to these and must demonstrate it annually in its report to ACNC.</p>
Changes seem ok, But I hate the word "tolerance" in objectives, I would prefer "liberation"	II	2	<p>"Tolerance" is the word used in the Charities Act, therefore the most appropriate to use in the constitution. The 6th charitable purpose is (f) the purpose of promoting reconciliation, mutual respect and tolerance between groups of individuals that are in Australia.</p>
The connection to Mardi Gras Arts Ltd is not clear.	NA	NA	<p>MGA Ltd is a separate company and charity with DGR status. MGA runs the operations of the company - pays the staff, owns the bulk of the assets, and all donations run through MGA. MGA lends to SGLMG. SGLMG runs the festival, pays for the events and receives all sponsorship revenue. This relationship will not change.</p> <p>Following any changes to SGLMG constitution, the legal team will update MGA constitution to align with and reflect the SGLMG constitution.</p>
INSERT THE WORD "INCLUSION": 2(d) promoting the diversity AND INCLUSION of LGBTQI individuals and communities.	NA	2	Amended to include inclusion.
Why not say "LGBTIQA+"?	NA	Throughout	Amended to include A+
Some members propose motions to exclude/restrict some LGBTQI+ groups from Mardi Gras events. Does this need to be addressed in S2 - Company's purposes?	NA	NA	The membership policy is inclusive and reflects SGLMG's values on inclusivity. We stand for inclusiveness and will role model this.
Does 4.3 'Other payments to Directors' ensure due process?	NA	4.3	Yes it does. There is a delegations policy and budget. All payments must be pre-approved. All directors payments are audited and published in the annual report.
Great to see the Companys purpose spells out facilitating, organising and co-ordinating events of celebration, commemoration and protest; (b) facilitating the diverse expressions of sexual orientation, identity, difference and protest against discrimination;			
Love SG&LMardi Gras and the essence of its being is even more so important today than it has ever been. The heart of the 78's is the key to its true self.			
Thanks for keeping us posted on the updates and sharing the private information and getting our options on what was the group was coming up with			
These all seem like very sensible and warranted changes to ensure Mardi Gras as an organisation is stable and can support the community.			