

# Handbook Revision Committee Report YM24

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### Membership of the Committee:

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### Part A – Report

#### Progress:

We have made little progress since the AGM report.

- The July 23 revisions have now been uploaded to the QA website, together with the flowchart for amendments. Our thanks go to Sue Headley (Publications) and Holly Dhynes (QA Communications Officer). Note the recommendation of the Presiding Clerk that we reinstall the possibility of minor amendments being tabled at YM.
- We are still working on the list of changes needed as a result of the new QA office arrangements.
- We have become aware of the probable need to begin the change from Australia Yearly Meeting to Quakers Australia in the Handbook.
- We are planning for the production of a single Quakers Australia Glossary/Dictionary of Terms. This should incorporate the terms from *this we can say*, and *Documents in Advance/Retrospect* as well as the list currently in the ‘*Handbook ...*’. We see the purposes of the Glossary as explaining:
  - Special Quaker meanings for some words/phrases
  - Specifically Australian usage of Quaker terms - which may be different from Quaker usage elsewhere

#### Issues (if any)

We have found it almost impossible to meet together since the AGM - a result of health issues in our group. We have maintained email connection.

As a result, our contact with Liaison Friends has not been as we (and they) would wish. We plan to address this in the months ahead.

We hear that Nominations Committee are experiencing difficulties finding additional/ replacement members for this committee.

### Part B Items for consideration by Yearly Meeting Business Meeting

We ask that Friends bear with us and support us as we struggle to work on our tasks.

We ask Friends with an interest in helping in this work to discuss the possibilities with a member of this committee, a Liaison Friend of this committee or a member of AYM Nominations Committee.

We do not anticipate a prep or open session at this YM.