

**RM RESPONSES TO DIA REPORT PART B ITEMS:
Handbook Revision Committee Report with Appendix
as of 11.5.23**

CRQ: We express our appreciation for the faithful efforts of the Handbook Revision Committee and:

1. Agree to changes proposed to Section 4.3 'Committed relationships including marriage'
2. Agree to the proposed additions to Section 5.3.7 Types of committees
3. Agree to add a section Service to the Meeting (Nominations Process) in Chapter 1
4. Agree with the revised flowchart of the Handbook revision process

NSWRM: We note that Liz Field is the Handbook Revision Committee Liaison for NSW but has not seen materials prior to this.

1. We accept the proposed revisions to Section 4.3. Committed relationships including marriage
2. We accept the proposed addition to Section 5.3.7 Types of committees
3. Regarding the proposed additional section Service to the Meeting (Nominations Process) in Chapter 1, we do not feel it is appropriate that nominations committees decide whether a nominee is available. We are happy with all changes, except for the need to delete the words "and available time" in the second sentence of the second paragraph.
4. We accept the revised flowchart of the *Handbook* revision process

QRM: We agree to the recommended changes proposed which include the matters of committed relationships, types of committees, and the nominations process additions. We agree with the proposed flowchart.

SANTRM:

1. Regarding the proposed revisions to the Handbook Section 4.3 Committed relationships including marriage, we query the need to capitalise the words "Celebration" and "Commitment" but not "wedding" in 4.3.2 and 4.3.3. This does not seem to support the aim of expressing equality. We have a preference for lower case throughout.
2. We support the proposed changes to Minor amendments in 4.3.2, with the exception of capital letters for the words celebration and commitment.
3. We support the proposed changes to the Handbook Section 5.3.7 Types of Committees
4. We support the proposed changes to the Handbook section Service to the Meeting (Our Nominations Process) in Chapter 1.
5. We support the revised flowchart of the Handbook revision process. We ask that the middle section "minor or major change" be defined. We ask that if there is a draft change made to the Handbook that consultation be sought by the committees affected by the change before approval is sought by YM.

TRM:

1. Yes, we support the committed relationships in marriage changes, The meeting appreciates the clarification that RM permission cannot be assumed to be automatic. Affirming and witnessing Yes.
2. TRM agrees to the additional section on Types of Committees.
3. Under the additional section Service to the Meeting, TRM requests the deletion of 'and available time' since availability is not the responsibility of a Nominations Committee.
4. TRM supports the revised flow chart.

VRM: Friends are grateful for the detailed work of this committee and agree with the items for consideration.

WARM: WARM Friends accept the proposed revisions. Friends noted inconsistencies in capitalization in section 4.3. There was a preference expressed in WARM for no capitalization regarding ceremonies.