

AgForce constitution: proposed changes



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Article	Subject	Proposed reason for change
Clause 42	Voting at general meetings	Proposal to reword to make it clearer that, for good governance, a mere 20 per cent of voting members present (in person, by representative, or by proxy) at an AgForce general meeting can demand a secret ballot on any resolution.
Clause 63	Quorum at Board meetings	In further recognition of the importance of broad representation of members' interests on the Board, proposal to mandate a quorum for Board meetings of 75 per cent of current Board members, removing the Board's discretion to change that threshold from time to time.
Clause 76	Regional meetings	Proposal to remove the requirement for each region to hold an annual general meeting and to keep records related to regional meetings, to reflect that the regions are not separate legal entities under AgForce's structure. The ability for members to convene meetings of their region though has been maintained, and the good governance of the regions can be addressed in AgForce's governance manual.
Clause 77	Commodity Councils	Proposal to expressly recognise 'cane' in the AgForce constitution.
Clause 78	Young Producers Council	Proposal to enshrine the role of the Young Producers' Council in the constitution.
Clause 79	Finance, Audit and Risk Committee	Proposal to change name to Finance Risk and Audit Committee.
Clause 80	Nominations and Remunerations Committee	Proposal to change name to Nomination, Remuneration and Culture Committee.
Clauses 83.2 and 93.1	Election procedures for AgForce office bearers	Proposal to shorten the time frame for nominations: to at least 14 days after notice is given calling for nominations. Proposal to shorten the time frame for a subsequent ballot (if required): a ballot must remain open for least 14 days and no longer than 49 days.