

Notice of a Special Resolution to amend the Riverine Plains Inc Constitution

Notice is hereby given to advise that a special resolution will be proposed for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the association to be held: at Riverine Plains Inc, Shop 4, 97-103 Melbourne St, Mulwala NSW 2647 on **10 October 2016 at 4.30pm**

To consider and if thought fit to pass the following special resolutions to amend the constitution:

1. That clause 44 (2) of the existing constitution be amended by the addition of the words: “and which is charitable at law” after the words, “having purposes similar to the Association”.
2. That the following new clause 47 be added to the constitution:

Scholarship Fund

The Association may establish a scholarship fund to promote crop research or excellence in agriculture. Scholarship rules for particular named scholarships to be offered by the fund may be made by the Committee of Management provided that in all cases they comply with the applicable laws relating the creation and maintenance of tax deductible scholarship funds including the following:

- a) The scholarship may only be awarded to Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia within the meaning of the Australian Citizenship Act 2007; and
- b) The scholarship is open to individuals or groups of individuals throughout a region of at least 200,000 people; and
- c) The scholarship promotes the recipients’ education in secondary or tertiary courses in Australia or in educational institutions overseas by way of study of a component of a course from an Australian educational institution; and
- d) The scholarship is awarded on merit or for reasons of equity; and
- e) The Committee of Management shall appoint a sub-committee to oversee the management of the scholarship funds and the selection of recipients the majority of whom shall be persons with the requisite degree of community responsibility usually required by the Australian Tax Office for the oversight of tax deductible scholarship funds; and
- f) The scholarship fund of the Association shall be kept separately from the other funds of the Association with its own bank account, Australian Business Number and accounts which shall be presented by the sub-committee to the Association’s Committee of Management annually; and
- g) In the event of the Association being wound up, or the endorsement of the scholarship fund as deductible gift recipient being revoked or upon it ceasing to operate a scholarship fund, any surplus remaining in the scholarship fund shall be transferred to another scholarship fund of an organization which has been endorsed as a tax deductible scholarship fund, with objects in the opinion of the Committee of Management most similar to those of this scholarship fund.

3. That the following new clause 48 be added to the constitution:

Research Institute Fund

The Association may establish a research institute fund to promote crop research or excellence in agriculture. The following rules shall apply to the institute and its funds:

- a) There shall be a research committee of at least 5 members appointed by the Committee of Management, the majority of whom are appropriately qualified in the field of research that is to be undertaken or have appropriate experience in reviewing research; and
- b) The research committee shall have the power to determine the research activities that are to be funded from the research fund; and
- c) The research committee shall take responsibility for ensuring that the research to be undertaken is scientific in nature and is, or may prove to be, of value to Australia; and
- d) The research committee shall have control over the disbursement of funds from the research institute funds and bank accounts; and
- e) If the membership of the research committee is to change then further members to be appointed shall be subject to the prior approval of the approving authority accredited by the Australian tax Office for this purpose and persons nominated to join the research committee shall be put forward on the basis of their proven ability to direct a research program as evidenced by their academic qualifications and professional appointments; and
- f) The research institute shall maintain a separate research fund account and all gifts must be paid into this account; and
- g) The accounts of the research institute shall be audited annually to the standard required by the Australian Tax Office and presented to the membership of the Association at its annual general meeting; and
- h) The research institute shall publish the results of their research in the scientific and technical press and any patents issued from such research shall be made available to all interested parties on equal terms; and
- i) In the event of the Association being wound up, or the endorsement of the research institute as deductible gift recipient being revoked or upon it ceasing to carry out research activities, any surplus remaining in the research fund shall be transferred to another research fund of an organization which has been endorsed as a tax deductible approved research institute, with objects in the opinion of the Committee of Management most similar to those of this research institute.

Signed by:

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