

Dear sub-Branch Secretary,

Extraordinary Congress - Board Removal - Constitution Amendment - Caretaker Committee

Attached for your information and consideration is a copy of a proposed State Congress Direction, Motions and Supporting Arguments, short CV's of the nominated Caretaker Committee, and a copy of the existing RSL NSW Constitution together with a copy of the proposed amended RSL NSW Constitution (the "Rockdale" draft or use the link www.fivedockrsl.org.au).

In early July, 2019, (provided that the minimum requirement of seventy five (75) duly completed, signed and dated State Congress Directions are returned, (but hopefully a lot more)), a copy of the documentation, together with all the properly completed State Congress Directions, will be served on the State Secretary, requesting that the State Council/Board, convenes an Extraordinary State Congress for the purposes set out in the State Congress Direction. Such request is in accordance with the provisions of Section F, Clause 21.9(b) of the RSL NSW Constitution.

The document headed up "State Congress Direction" that you have been sent has been prepared and forwarded to you by the undersigned group of concerned members, and will become enforceable as a "State Congress Direction" in accordance with the current Constitution once 75 copies of it have been properly completed, signed and dated, and returned to SMDC (as detailed below). If 75 properly completed copies are not received back, then the process of calling an Extraordinary Congress for the purposes set out in the "State Congress Direction" cannot proceed.

For the "State Congress Direction" to actually come into force and be acted on under the provisions of the Constitution, the State Secretary must be served with identical copies of the State Congress Direction from at least 75 sub-Branches. Each sub-Branch may sign a counterpart of the document, (which is what you have been sent), rather than each sub-Branch actually signing the same physical document. However, **each such counterpart must be in absolutely identical terms. SO PLEASE, DO NOT ALTER ONE SINGLE SYLLABLE, WORD OR PART OF THE DOCUMENT, as if you do, your document will not be counted.**

It would be appreciated if your sub-Branch could consider the documents at its next General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose if your next General Meeting is too far into the future. **If your sub-Branch votes in favour of completing and returning the State Congress Direction, then please complete it, sign and date it, and return it as described**

below. It is very important that a vote to consider and decide on adopting and thus returning (or otherwise) the State Congress Direction is taken by the sub-Branch members rather than be decided by the Executive. A simple majority of the sub-Branch members present and voting at an Ordinary or Extraordinary General Meeting of the sub-Branch is all that is required. The decision should be appropriately recorded in the Minutes of the meeting. If returning the State Congress Direction by Australia Post you might want to retain a photocopy of it with the other documentation.

A copy of the duly completed, signed and dated State Congress Direction MUST reach the Hon. Secretary, SMDC as soon as possible, but NO LATER than 30th June, 2019, either by scanned email, or Australia Post.

The email and postal address are:

The Hon Secretary,
Southern Metropolitan District,
smdc@live.com.au

or

The Hon Secretary,
Southern Metropolitan District,
P.O. Box 273,
MORTDALE NSW 2223

If forwarding by Australia Post, please remember that under their current delivery guarantee, ordinary mail can now take up to six (6) days to deliver, so please consider the need to use either Express Post which will guarantee next business day delivery, or a double stamp option, which reduces the guaranteed delivery time to 3 days. (Both options are available in your friendly local Post Office).

A running tally of correctly signed and completed documents received will be maintained, so once the minimum of 75 is reached, it will be publicised, which might help other sub-Branches in their deliberations.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please either call or email Alan Lyons of Rockdale sub-Branch on 0414 591 072 or alanlyons@optusnet.com.au

Kindest regards,

Alan Lyons
Treasurer, Trustee and
Senior Vice President
Rockdale sub-Branch

Bill Harrigan
President and
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Bondi Junction/Waverley sub-Branch

David Clarke
Secretary
Five Dock sub-Branch

Douglas Clarke
Secretary and
Trustee
Smithfield sub-Branch

John Greig
Trustee and
Vice President
Bundeena sub-Branch

Alf McGrath
Acting Treasurer
and Trustee
Oatley sub-Branch

Tom Baena
President
Blacktown sub-Branch

Victor Danko
President
Mosman sub-Branch

N.B.: The only document that needs to be completed, signed, dated and returned to SMDC is the proposed State Congress Direction including the attached motions.