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LORD HOWE ISLAND BOARD

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ITEM

Appointment of Deputy Chairperson

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board appoint a Deputy Chairperson.

BACKGROUND

Schedule 1A to the *Lord Howe Island Act 1953 (the Act)* outlines provisions relating to members and procedures of the Board.

The Deputy Chairperson is a statutory position created by Part 1 of Schedule 1A.

Schedule 1A Part 2, Section 3 of the Schedule states:

- (1) The Board is to appoint one of its members (not being the Chairperson) to be the Deputy Chairperson of the Board.
- (2) Subject to this Schedule, the Deputy Chairperson holds office for one year from the date on which he or she takes office

Under *the Act*, the Deputy Chairperson can only exercise the following statutory functions of the Chairperson in their absence:

- The power to preside over a meeting of the Board (clause 13(1) of Schedule 1A)
- The power to have a deliberative vote and in the event of an equality of votes have a second or casting vote (clause 13(2) of Schedule 1A)

It has been the practice of the Board that the Deputy Chairperson is the locally elected (Islander) Board member, who gained the most votes in the most recent Board election.

CURRENT POSITION

At the Board election held on 8 February 2018, four local Board members were elected.

The Board must now appoint one of the local Board members as Deputy Chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION

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