

# COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIAN TRIBUNALS

## Minutes of the

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Council of Australasian Tribunals

#### Held in Sydney at 4.30 pm on Thursday 5 June 2003

1. **Present:**

Mr Gerard Butcher, Mr Gary Byron, Mr Ron Cahill, Mr Stephen Carey, Mr Keith Chapman, Mr Frank Clair, Justice Garry Downes, Mr Alastair Dumbleton, Ms Margaret Harrison-Smith, Mr Steve Karas, Justice Murray Kellam, Mr John Lesser, Ms Ann Lyons, Mr Wayne Martin, Ms Trish McConnell, Justice Stuart Morris, Ms Joanne Muller, Mr Nick O'Neill, Mr Michael Peedom, Ms Debra Rigby, Mr Bill Rolfe, Mr Paul Skinner, Ms Anita Smith, Mr Andrew Solomon, Mr John Ardlie (CEO, VCAT, Secretary)

2. **Apologies:**

Justice Sheahan AO (President of the Workers Compensation Commission New South Wales)

3. **Report of the Interim Executive:**

The Chair of the Council, Justice Kellam, reported upon the work of the Interim Executive and the establishment of State Chapters in ACT, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and the impending establishment of a Chapter in New Zealand.

4. **Election of Office Bearers**

(a) **The Chair**

Justice Garry Downes AM (President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (Commonwealth)), having been duly nominated pursuant to Clause 23 of the Constitution, was elected as Chair of the Council, there being no other nominations.

(b) **Deputy Chair**

Mr John Lesser (Presiding Officer of the Mental Health Review Board of Victoria), having been duly nominated pursuant to Clause 23 of the Constitution, was elected as Deputy Chair of the Council, there being no other nominations.

(c) **Convenors**

The Convenors of State Territory and New Zealand Chapters who are to comprise the officers of the Executive pursuant to Clause 8(2)(c) of the Constitution are:

Justice G Downes, Chair  
Mr John Lesser, Deputy Chair  
Frank Clair, QLD  
Tricia McConnell, NZ  
Mr Nick O'Neill, NSW  
Mr Michael Peedom, ACT  
Ms Debra Rigby, TAS

5. **Notice of Motion pursuant to Clause 22 of the Constitution**

It was resolved that the Constitution of the Council be amended so as to enable the Executive to co-opt presiding officers of a Member of the Council to the Executive to represent States, Territories or New Zealand where no Chapter has been established at that time, or as otherwise appropriate to assist the business of the Council.

Moved: Justice Kellam

Seconded: Mr Gary Byron

6. Justice Kellam thanked the members of the Interim Executive and, in particular, Mr Barry Cotterell of Queensland for the work done in the establishment of the Council, the drafting of the Constitution and in establishing State and New Zealand Chapters.
7. There being no General Business the meeting was closed at 4.50 pm.