



The Order of Australia Association



## **CONSULTATION - DRAFT OAA CONSTITUTION**

As advised by the National Chairman in his E-news *The Need for Change* sent out at the beginning of the year, a draft of the new OAA Constitution is to be made available to members. This draft can now be accessed on the OAA's website at:

<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/national/news-events/>

As outlined in the Chairman's E-news, the new document proposes changes to the purpose of our Association, the election and tenure of directors and the place of bylaws and policies in our activities.

Unfortunately, given the constraints imposed by the COVID- 19 pandemic, the planned briefing sessions in Branches cannot now be held.

The draft Constitution has been prepared with guidance provided by the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (ACNC), our corporate regulator, and with input from Branch Committees and those with constitutional expertise.

The new Constitution represents a key first stage in an overall 'governance' project to be accompanied by the completion of a revised set of bylaws and continued policy development.

It is intended that members be asked to adopt the new Constitution, after a period of consultation, at the National AGM in May 2021.

If you have any questions or points requiring clarification, please contact your Branch Nominated Director. Their contact details can be found on the first page of *The Order* magazine.)

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