

Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group **Constitution**

Preamble

The Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group is a local organization whose primary function is to have UCG, CSG and any other form of dirty coal gas or syn gas extraction outlawed.

Purpose

This Constitution defines the operational bylaws of an organization, to be known as the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group.

1. Community Structure

The Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group is structured as a group of volunteer participants who govern themselves through a meritocracy based on contributions to the community.

1.1.1 Group Types

The Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group is made up of a group of people, where each focuses on the eradication of dirty coal burning technology or any other form of polluting coal gas extraction.

- A Leader: Anyone responsible for leading a Group. Leaders must be active Contributors in their Groups, reflecting the concept of leadership by a meritocracy. In addition to their usual leadership roles, the Leaders of a group manage the assignment of rights and roles to the members of their Group, including the promotion of Participants into Contributors, Contributors into new Leaders as well as appointing new Facilitators as described below. They also vote on proposals and mediate disputes within their Group, facilitate interactions between their Group and others and represent their Group to the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group and the Governing Board.
- A Facilitator: Anyone responsible for ensuring that a group's records are properly maintained, communicating the group's status to the OGB, ensuring that communication from the OGB is properly disseminated to their group's participants, and performing the duties of chair for meetings of the group. Facilitators are appointed by the Leaders of the Group they serve or (if needed) by the OGB, which is not limited in their appointment to members of the Group involved.

1.1.3 Group Management Processes

In order to encourage consistency across the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group and also for the purpose of mediating disputes, groups shall document the procedures they use to manage their activities. This includes development methodologies, voting procedures, participation guidelines, record keeping, requirements for becoming contributors and leaders, etc.

1.2 Electorate Group

The Electorate is responsible for community wide cross-group governance. Anyone who is a contributor to the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group is eligible for membership in the Electorate. In order to provide for an Electorate consisting of current active Contributors, Membership needs to be renewed after two (2) years or if a Member fails to vote in two (2) consecutive elections.

The Board will maintain the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group document describing the qualification and application processes.

1.3 Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group

1.3.1 Duties

The Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group ("the Board") consists of a minimum number of three (3) and a maximum number of seven (7) natural persons who can provide guidance to the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group and mediate disputes (s3) when appropriate.

1.3.2 Term

The term of office for Governing Board members starts the first day of the calendar month following the Annual Election and continues until the first day of the calendar month following the next Annual Election. Each board member shall hold office for the term for which they were elected, or until their resignation, removal, or death. Board members can serve for up to three consecutive terms, and there is no limit to the number of non-consecutive terms.

1.3.3 Candidates

Candidates are expected to provide their corporate affiliation, other related interests and a candidate statement, as outlined by the Board Secretary; once elected, they must publicly notify the Board Secretary should their corporate affiliation or other related interests change.

1.3.4 Removal from office and Vacancies

Board members may be removed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Electorate membership at a Special Election. A petition for removal (or of no confidence in the Board as a whole) must be demonstrably endorsed by more than 10 percent of the Electorate membership before such a measure may be placed on the Ballot.

In the event of the resignation or death of a board member, the Board shall review the ballot results of the previous election and appoint the next available (and willing) candidate to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If there are no further candidates from the prior election, or if the vacancy is due to the removal of a board member, the vacancy shall not be filled until the next Special or Annual Election.

1.3.5 Board Dissolution

If the Board membership falls below three, more than 14 months pass between Annual Elections or if the Electorate passes a motion of no confidence in the Board as a whole, then custody of the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group will expire.

1.3.6 Quorum

A majority of the Board members in office shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a majority of the Board members present at a meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board.

1.3.7 Meetings

Special meetings of the KCCG shall be held at such times as called by the Chair or any two (2) KCCG members.

Board meetings are open, but occasionally there may be a need to discuss confidential items in a closed session. Any decisions resulting from a closed session must be approved in an open meeting.

1.3.8 Officers

The officers of the Board shall consist of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary, each of whom shall be appointed by the Board. The offices of Chair and Vice Chair must be held by a Board member, but the Secretary need not be a Board member. The officers shall have the following duties:

- The *Chair* shall preside at all Meetings of the Electorate and of the Board.
- The *Vice Chair* shall, in the absence of the Chair, perform the duties of the Chair.
- The *Secretary* shall assume the duties enumerated in this constitution, publish records of all public meetings and maintain membership records of the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group.

1.3.9 Board Committees

The Board may create subcommittees as desired, each consisting of at least one Board member and composed of people appointed by the Board. Subcommittees shall be chaired by a Board member

1.3.10 Corporate Liaison

On the occasions that a collective statement or communication is required by the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group to any individual or organization, the KCCG will make such a statement following the passing of a suitable motion by the KCCGs members containing the text of the statement.

2. Community Elections

The Board is responsible for administering elections using appropriate and inclusive mechanisms.

2.1 General Requirements

2.1.1 Notification and timing

The Board Secretary shall notify the community of the intent to hold an election not less than thirty days before the election, and provide the necessary logistic details not less than ten days or more than sixty days before the election.

2.1.2 Ballot Content

All Ballot Measures and Constitutional Amendments shall be submitted to the Board Secretary a minimum of seven (7) days prior to ballot completion.

Nominations (s1.3.3) for Governing Board members shall be open for a minimum of seven (7) days prior to ballot completion.

The Board Secretary will publish a complete and final ballot at least seven (7) days prior to the start of voting.

2.1.3 Quorum and Date of Record

Quorum for an Election shall be met by one-third of the total Electorate Group members participating in the election. For the sake of determining quorum, that total will be the membership in the Electorate as often (10) days before the start of the election, and any Electorate Group member who casts a vote (including abstention) in the Election will be counted as participating.

2.1.4 Voting

Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group elections shall use the balloting method known as Single Transferable Vote with [the Meek algorithm](#).

The affirmative vote of a majority of the Electorate Group members participating in a quorate election shall be the act of the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group with regard to Constitutional changes, Ballot Measures, and the election of KCCG Members. Removal of KCCG members requires an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the Electorate membership.

2.1.5 Results

An account of all elections shall be posted in a public forum within thirty days of the close of voting.

2.2 Annual Elections

An Annual Election should be held every twelve (12) months and must be held no later than fourteen (14) months following the previous Annual Election. In the event no election is held after

fourteen (14) months, the Board is considered dissolved and the procedures in "Board Dissolution" (s1.3.5) shall be followed.

The business of an Annual Election is to

- Elect the members of next term's Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group,
- Ratify any proposed Constitutional changes and to

2.3 Special Elections

A Special Election may be called outside the Annual Election by a vote of the Board or by a petition signed by more than 10 percent of the Electorate Group membership. The business of a Special Election is to

Ratify any proposed Constitutional changes and to

3. Dispute Resolution

3.1 Disputes

It is expected and encouraged that the group will resolve disputes by themselves according to their documented decision-making procedures.

3.2 Censures, Suspensions and Expulsions

There may arise situations where the behaviour of an individual community member violates the KCCGs norms.

The Board will maintain a [KCCG Censure, Suspension and Expulsion Process](#) dealing with the specifics of notification, mediation, fact finding and taking actions, such as censure, suspension of privileges and expulsion.

A community member may only be expelled for behaviour that has previously resulted in suspension of privileges for that member. Expulsion of a member is subject to confirmation by a vote of the Electorate Group. The Electorate Group may also revoke the prior expulsion of a member. The threshold for approving or revoking an expulsion is the same as the threshold for approving changes to the Constitution.

4. Constitutional Amendments

This Constitution may be changed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Electorate Group's membership participating in a quorate election where a properly formed and balloted constitutional amendment is considered, provided that the proposed deletions and additions, when applied to the Constitution, will result in a new Constitution that remains in complete compliance with the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Groups Charter.

The Board Secretary will review all submitted amendments for compliance in advance of voting. Compliance issues shall be resolved by the Board, and shall be limited to areas in proposed amendments that violate the Charter.