



# ILGA OCEANIA

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM



### **PROPOSAL NAME: INDIGENOUS CONVENOR**

**Proposer:** Simon Margan

**ILGA Member Organisation:** NSW LGBTI Legal Forum

**Document Changed:** ILGA Oceania Constitution

This form is for submitting a proposal at the ILGA Oceania Annual General Meeting (AGM).

#### **1) DEADLINES**

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** 1 month prior to the AGM [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s31(10)], so that they can be sent out 21 days prior to the AGM [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s31(5)].

**AMENDMENT DEADLINE:** 15 days prior to the AGM. [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s31(6)]

#### **2) MAJORITY REQUIRED (MEMBER VOTES CAST)**

**GENERAL PROPOSALS:** 50%

**CONSTITUTION CHANGES:** 75% (Special Resolution) [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s35]

**CONSTITUTION 'AIMS & OBJECTIVE' CHANGES:** 50% [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s3(2)]

**LODGEMENT:** 28 days after the resolution. [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s42].

No documentary change to the ILGA Oceania constitution, or the ILGA Oceania Standing Orders, may conflict with the aims and objectives of the ILGA Oceania constitution or its ILGA World Standing Orders [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s42], or any relevant legal requirements [Association Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) & Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016 (NSW)].

#### **B) PURPOSE** – A short summary of what the proposal intends.

This proposal changes the ILGA Oceania constitution to ensure that at least one of the convenors (and one of the alternates) is indigenous. This proposal also ensures that indigenous people not only have a fair opportunity to nominate for the ILGA Oceania Co-convenor positions, but that they are also actively encouraged by the procedures to apply for these positions.

#### **C) BACKGROUND** – A background of the issues surrounding the proposal itself.

Before the ILGA Oceania board was created [14-16 May 2014 (Darwin, Australia)], ILGA Oceania had a history of ILGA Oceania convenors that were almost exclusively white with a European ancestry. Whilst ILGA Oceania conferences have a majority composition of indigenous delegates and over half the total ILGA membership consists of organisation made exclusively of indigenous members, in the wake of the New Zealand ILGA Oceania conference, ILGA Oceania once again reverted to having two convenors with European ancestry. The outcome of convenor election evidences an inherent European bias in the process. There is also a general feeling that ILGA Oceania tends to side-line involvement of indigenous cultures through its inherent structures, which tend to favour electing representatives with European ancestry.

#### **D) CHANGES** – State the change you are desiring to make.

**Documentary changes:** **Green** for any additions and **Red** for any deletions.

##### *17. Election of the Board*

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- (6) *Members shall vote for all candidates eligible for election. Member will vote for the number of available positions in each sub-region. The top-polling candidates from each region will fill the vacancies as per the "Regional Requirements" as specified in clause 16(3). In the event of a tie for the final spot of each*

candidate, an additional vote shall be held to ask members to vote once for their preferred candidate tied candidate.

**Convenor/Alternate Election**

- (7) If the initial election for the female convenor position does not elect a candidate that is indigenous, then the election of the second convenor position must only be amongst indigenous candidates. Likewise, when conducting the elections for the alternate positions, one of those positions must end up being held by an indigenous candidate.
- (8) If the candidates for either convenor position do not have a minimum number of 3 indigenous candidates, or the number of non-indigenous candidates outnumber the indigenous candidates for these positions, then nominations must be opened up again for the two convenor positions during the conference, and a special call-out made for candidates for those positions that are indigenous.