



**Special General Meeting
Castlemaine District Radio Inc
15th April 2018
New Constitution
Explanatory Notes**

The Committee of Management recommends the adoption of the new constitution for the following reasons:

1. The new constitution is based on a template supplied by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia. As such the template has been developed specifically for Community Radio Stations.
2. In granting MAINfm a Permanent Broadcasting License, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) requested the station review its constitution to address the following issues:
 - a) The grounds on which an application for membership can be rejected and that in such an instance the Committee provide reasons in writing to the applicant. This issue is addressed in Section 3 *Application for Membership items 2 and 3*
 - b) The quorum for Special General Meetings and Annual General Meeting be increased to the double the number of members of the Committee plus one i.e. 17 members see *section 28(2)*
 - c) That members of the Committee have a limited term of office to encourage greater participation by members. See *section 15(3) and 15(4)*. These sections outline a process whereby the committee will be divided into two groups of 4 members. Each member will be elected for a 2 year term, with half the committee being elected each year at the AGM. Committee members will only be permitted to serve a maximum of 3 consecutive terms (6 years) unless there is no nomination for a vacant position on the committee in which case an existing committee member may stand and be re-elected.
3. In most other respects the new constitution is the same or very similar to the previous constitution.

Alan Taylor
Secretary, on behalf of the Committee of Management