



Statement of Rules of Association

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Association Incorporation Rules of Fight Against Inequality Network Inc. Victoria No. AO122860Q

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1.0 Definitions

In these Rules, words and phrases have the meaning set out below:

<i>the Act</i>	means the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and includes any regulations made under that Act.
<i>absolute majority</i>	of the Committee, means a majority of the committee members currently holding office and entitled to vote at the time (as distinct from a majority of committee members present at a committee meeting).
<i>Chairperson</i>	of a general meeting or committee meeting, means the person chairing the meeting as required under rule 46.
<i>Committee</i>	means the Committee having management of the business of the Association, referred to as the Coordinating Committee Victoria, and members of the committee of management respectively.
<i>committee meeting</i>	means a meeting of the Coordinating Committee Victoria held in accordance with these Rules.
<i>committee member</i>	means a member of the Coordinating Committee Victoria elected or appointed under Division 3 of Part 5.
<i>financial year</i>	means the 12-month period specified in rule 3.
<i>Fight Against Inequality Network Inc., FAIN and FAIN INC.</i>	all refer to the incorporated association in Victoria named Fight Against Inequality Network Inc.
<i>general meeting</i>	means a general meeting of the members of the Association convened in accordance with Part 4 and includes an annual general meeting and a special general meeting.
<i>member</i>	means a member of the Association.
<i>special resolution</i>	means a resolution that requires not less than three-quarters of the members voting at a general meeting, whether in person or by proxy, to vote in favour of the resolution.
<i>the Registrar</i>	means the Registrar of Incorporated Associations.

2.0 Name

- 2.1 The name of the incorporated association is Fight Against Inequality Network Inc.
- 2.2 Registered under the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012, No. AO122860Q on and from the 9th April 2024 in Melbourne.

3.0 Purpose

- 3.1 Fight Against Inequality Network Inc. campaigns to increase awareness and understanding of inequality in the Australian community and join with others to end it.
- 3.2 FAIN works through a Coordinating Committee Victoria.
- 3.2 FAIN believes that inequality is the defining challenge of this era.

4.0 Objective of Rules

- 4.1 The objective of this policy is to outline the Model Rules for an incorporated association used here and relates to all campaigns, awareness raising, research and all other activities of the work undertaken by Fight Against Inequality Network Inc. (hereafter FAIN).
- 4.2 FAIN works through a Coordinating Committee Victoria.

5.0 Membership of FAIN

- 5.1 A member means a member of FAIN.
- 5.2 Membership is free and by written application, or submitted online through the website form. Applicants must support FAIN purpose and be:
- committed to FAIN values,
 - endorse FAIN campaigns and activities, and
 - adhere to these FAIN rules.
- 5.3 FAIN Membership forms – one for individuals and one for organisations – are available on our website: [fainetwork.com](https://fainetwork.com/join-us/become-a-member/) on the page fainetwork.com/join-us/become-a-member/ or requested via email: fainetwork24@gmail.com

6.0 Membership, Size and Quorum for the CC

- 6.1 FAIN works through a Coordinating Committee Victoria (hereafter the CC) with: two co-chairs, a secretary, a treasurer, a coordinator and up to five other members.
- 6.2 As necessary, the size of the CC can be increased up to a further four members.
- 6.3 A CC member means a member of the CC elected or appointed under Division 3 of Part 5.
- 6.4 The quorum for meetings of the CC is the presence in person of a majority of CC members at the time.

7.0 Responsibility and Powers

- 7.1 The CC may exercise all powers of FAIN on its behalf.
- 7.2 The members of the CC are responsible for the management of the FAIN.
- 7.3 A general meeting may by motion seek to direct the CC on any matter within its powers and if passed becomes a binding resolution. A general meeting includes an annual general meeting and a special general meeting.
- 7.4 The CC may establish Working Groups with such membership it thinks appropriate and delegate its powers as appropriate.

8.0 Voting

- 8.1 Each CC member has 1 vote.
- 8.2 There is no voting by proxy.
- 8.3 A majority means a majority of the CC members present at a CC meeting.
- 8.4 If an equal number of votes are cast for and against a motion or amendment, the chair of the meeting must declare the motion or amendment lost.

9.0 Code of Conduct

- 9.1 The FAIN code of conduct complied with by all members including CC members to be in accordance with these rules and FAIN values based on human rights including inclusion, participation, trust, mutual respect and upholding dignity.

10.0 Conflict of Interest

- 10.1 Each CC member who has a perceived or actual material conflict of interest in a matter that relates to the affairs of FAIN must disclose the conflict:
- to the other CC members, or
 - to the members of FAIN in accordance with Part 6, Division 2, Sections 80-81 of the Act.
- 10.2 Each CC member who has a material personal interest in a matter that is being considered at a meeting of the CC:
- must not be present while the matter is being considered, and
 - must not vote, except as provided by the Model Rules section 65 of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023*.

11.0 Public Statements

- 11.1 FAIN Coordinating Committee Victoria may authorise an office-bearer, general CC member or coordinator to make public statements on behalf of FAIN.
- 11.2 No person may make any public statement on behalf of FAIN unless authorised by the FAIN Coordinating Committee Victoria.

12.0 Grounds for Taking Disciplinary Action

- 12.1 FAIN may take disciplinary action against a member in accordance with Part 3, Division 2 of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023*.
- 12.2 FAIN may act if it is determined that the member:
- has failed to comply with these Rules,
 - refuses to support the purposes of FAIN, or
 - has engaged in conduct prejudicial to FAIN.

13.0 Sources of Funds

- 13.1 The funds of FAIN may be derived from donations, fund-raising activities, grants and interest and any other sources approved by the FAIN Coordinating Committee Victoria.
For further details see FAIN Donations Policy available on our website: [fainetwork.com](https://fainetwork.com/resources/policy-documents/) on the page fainetwork.com/resources/policy-documents/ or requested via email: fainetwork24@gmail.com

14.0 Financial Records

- 14.1 FAIN must keep financial records that:
- correctly record and explain its transactions, financial position and performance; and
 - enable financial statements to be prepared as required by the Act.
- 14.2 FAIN must retain the financial records for 7 years after the transactions covered by the records are completed:
- the financial records for the current financial year; and
 - any other financial records as authorised by the CC.

15.0 Financial Year

- 15.1 The financial year of FAIN shall be from 1 July to 30 June each year, unless the CC determines otherwise under the Model Rules, Part 4, section 16 of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023*.

Endnotes

1. Association of Rules of Fight Against Inequality Network Inc is drawn from Consumer Affairs Victoria, *Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, link: legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/associations-incorporation-reform-act-2012/017
2. *Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023*. Link: legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/statutory-rules/associations-incorporation-reform-regulations-2023/001
3. FAIN thanks *Anti-Poverty Network SA* for their early support and acknowledges that we drew inspiration from their protocol documents.