Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Melbourne - List of changed rules

		Current rules	Changes
1	2	The purposes of the association are to:	The purposes of the Chamber are to advance the robust development of economic activities and promote and strengthen business and investment ties between Australia and Japan.
		(a) advance the robust development of economic activities and cater to common benefit of its members;	
		(b) promote and strengthen business and investment ties between Australia and Japan;	
		(c) plan and finance for appropriate objectives approved by the Board; land	(c) and (d) deleted
		(d) amplify the achievement of abovementioned objectives and accomplish all activities contributing to these achievements.	
3	1	(b) Associate Members; who are corporations that carry on commercial activities in the State of Victoria and its surroundings (the State of South Australia, the State of	Membership of the Chamber shall consist of: (a) Ordinary Members; and (b) Associate Members; who are corporations or representative offices that carry on commercial activities in the State of Victoria and other geographic location which the Board may
		determine from time to time) and who at the time of joining accept and acknowledge that all	determine from time to time.
		determine from time to time) and who at the time of joining accept and acknowledge that all	All activities of the Chamber will be conducted in Japanese.
	2	branch office of a Japanese corporation, or a corporation established by or effectively management-controlled by a Japanese corporation); and	Ordinary Members shall comprise of corporations and representative offices who, in accordance with these Rules, endorse the purpose of the Chamber and express a willingness to contribute to its development through proactive involvement in its operations. Ordinary Members have a right to stand for election and a right to vote.
		(b) non-Japanese corporations with a Japanese representative or contact person.	
	3		Associate Members shall comprise of corporations and representative offices who, in accordance with these Rules, endorse the purpose of the Chamber, express an intention to contribute to its development, and wish to become an Associate Member. Such Associate Members do not have a right to stand for election, nor a right to vote, but may have other rights as determined by the Board.
	4	A member of the Association who is entitled to vote has the right:	A member of the Chamber who is entitled to vote has the right:
		time prescribed by these Rules; and	(a) to receive notice of general meetings and of proposed special resolutions in the manner and time prescribed by these Rules; and (b) to submit items of business for consideration at a general meeting; and (c) to attend and be heard at general meetings; and
		(d) to vote at a general meeting.	(d) to vote at a general meeting.
4			Every application for membership of the Chamber must be in writing in such form as the Board may prescribe or accept from time to time, accompanied by a reference letter from one or more members of the Board and must be lodged with the Board.
		(c) accompanied by a reference letter from one or more members of the Board; and (d) lodged with the Board.	
6		Each Member may have more than one representative PROVIDED that only one representative, who shall be nominated by the Member, shall have the right on behalf of the Member to attend and vote at all meetings of the Chamber and generally exercise all rights of membership on behalf of the Member. A Member may in its discretion revoke the nomination of any representative and nominate another representative in his or her place.	Deleted
8 (old 9)	2	The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.	The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute and use their best endeavours to resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
	5	A Member of the Chamber can be a mediator.	Deleted
	7		In conducting the mediation, the mediator must provide the parties to the mediation process the opportunity to be heard, disclose any documents that the parties wish to submit, and make the best efforts to achieve a fair mediation process.
		(c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.	
	9	The mediator must not determine the dispute.	Deleted

9 (old 10)	ļ		The Secretary shall keep and maintain a register of Members which shall record the full name and address of each Member, their class of membership, the date on which they became a member and such other particulars as may be prescribed by the Board or required under the Act. The register shall be available for inspection by Members.
10 (old 11)	E	The divisions shall be as follows: Metals Textiles/ General Merchandise Machinery Automobiles Chemicals Finance Foodstuffs Transport	Deleted
	2	The establishment of any new division and/or abolition of any division shall be resolved by the Members in general meeting	The establishment of any new division, the abolition of any division and operational matters of the divisions shall be determined by the Board.
		The costs of each division shall be paid by the Members and the apportionment of those costs as between the Members shall be Iresolved by the Board.	Deleted
Admission fees			
11 (old 12)			A Member shall pay such admission fee in accordance with their class of membership and as determined by the Board from time to time.
Monthly fees 12 (old 13)		A Member shall pay a monthly fee. The amount of the fee will be determined by the Members in General Meeting from time to time according to the number of its representatives: and membership category of each Member.	A Member shall pay a membership fee. The amount of the fee will be determined by the Board from time to time, taking into consideration the type of membership and number of registered representatives of the Member.
Payment of Fees 13	1	The timing and method of payment of admission fees and monthly fees shall be determined by the Board from time to time.	The admission fee is to be paid when the Member joins the Chamber. The membership fee is to be paid based on the invoice issued by the Secretary at the end of June each year.
		In the event of a Member resigning form Membership of the Chamber, part of the monthly fees (if any) paid by that Member to the Chamber may be refunded to the Member. The amount of moneys to be refunded to that Member shall be determined by the Board.	Deleted
	3	Admission fee and Membership fees are exclusive of GST and the Members shall pay any necessary GST amount determined by law if the Board so determines. ("GST" means the goods and services tax imposed by the GST law.) Any GST to be paid by the Members shall be rounded off to the next higher dollar value.	
The Board 14 (old 15)		The control and direction of the Chamber and the management of its property and affairs shall be vested in the Board. The Board may,	The Board is responsible for the administration and operation of the Chamber. The authority of the Chamber is vested in the Board. The Board may, subject to these Rules, the regulations and the Act, exercise all powers and do all acts and things which are not directed or required to be exercised or done by the Chamber in general meeting.
18 (old 19)	2	Notice of the election and ballot papers shall be forwarded to the Members not less than 30 days before the Annual General Meeting in each year and the ballot papers shall be returnable by the Members not later than 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.	Notice of the meeting and ballot papers shall be sent to Members no later than 30 days before the Annual General Meeting each year. Members must cast their votes no later than 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.
		Members (which may include the Member itself) for election to, and to be represented by its representative on, the Board. The number of votes which each Member may cast for its nominees will depend on its category of membership. The votes to which each category of membership is entitled are as follows: Category (number of registered representatives) Votes	Each Ordinary Member shall have the right to nominate up to fourteen Members (which may include the Member itself) for election to, and to be represented by its representative on, the Board. The number of votes that each Member may cast for its nominees will depend on the number of registered representatives of the Member, as set out below. Category (number of registered representatives) Votes Category (1-2 persons) - 1 Vote Category (3-6 persons) - 2 Votes Category (7 or more persons) - 3 Votes
Casual Vacanci	es		
20 (old 21)		If a member of the Board dies or becomes incapacitated during his or her period of office, the Member for which that member of the Board is a representative shall appoint a substitute member who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting following such appointment.	If a Board member dies or becomes incapacitated during their period of office, the Member for which that Board member is a representative may appoint a substitute member who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting following such appointment.
Proceeding of t			
21 (old 22)		Subject to these Rules the Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit.	Subject to the provisions in these Rules relating to meetings, the Board may call or adjourn meetings.

22	1	A meeting of the Board may be convened at any time by: (a) the President; or	A meeting of the Board may be convened at any time by: (a) the President; or
(old 23)		(b) a requisition in writing signed by not less than three other members of the Board and delivered to the Secretary.	(b) where more than three Board members request the Secretary to call a meeting.
	2	Notice of a meeting of the Board shall be given to all members of the Board by post, facsimile or email. Notice shall be deemed to have been given to a member of the Board if sent, served or delivered to the usual place of residence of that member or at any other address, fax number or email address last notified to the Secretary by the member.	Notice of a meeting of the Board shall be given to all members of the Board by post or email. Notice shall be deemed to have been given to a member of the Board if sent, served or delivered to the usual place of residence of that member or at any other address or email address last notified to the Secretary by the member.
	3	The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by, a member of the Board shall not be invalidate proceedings at a meeting.	The non-receipt of a notice of meeting by a member of the Board shall not invalidate proceedings at a meeting.
23 (old 24)	1	the requisite quorum is present.	The quorum for all meetings of the Board shall be the number that is half the members of the Board at that point in time. No meeting shall proceed to transact any business unless the requisite quorum is present.
	2	A Member may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on the Member's behalf at a meeting of the Board should the member of the Board customarily representing that Member be unable to attend that meeting.	A member of the Board may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on the Member's behalf at a meeting of the Board.
	3	The President shall be entitled to be the chairman of all meetings at which he or she is present. Failing this, the role of the chairman shall be filled by the Vice-President, or in its absence, by a member of the Board chosen by the members of the Board present.	The President shall be entitled to be the chairman of all meetings at which they are present. Where the President is absent, the role of the chairman shall be filled by a Vice-President, or if they are both absent, by a member of the Board chosen by the members of the Board present.
	4	Every question submitted to a meeting of the Board shall be decided by a show of hands and each member of the Board present shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his or her deliberative vote.	a show of hands, applause, or other indication of intention by each
Proceedings Business	of meet	ings	
32		The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:	The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
(old 33)		(a) to receive and consider a report of the Board of the proceedings of the Chamber for the previous financial year and a duly audited balance sheet and statement of receipts and	(a) to receive and accept a report on the Chamber's operations in the previous financial year and a duly audited balance sheet and statement of receipts and expenditure;
		(b) to announce the members of the Board elected for the ensuing year in the manner provided in these Rules;	(b) to announce the members of the Board elected for the ensuing year in the manner provided in these Rules;
		(c) to announce the auditors (in any) for the ensuing year; and	(c) to announce the auditors (in any) for the ensuing year; and
		(d) to transact any other business of which due notice shall have be given or which in the opinion of the chairman of the meeting may be expedient.	(d) to transact any other business of which due notice was given or which, in the opinion of the chairman of the meeting, is appropriate.
		All other business transacted at an Annual General Meeting and all business transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting (other than procedural items) shall be deemed special.	Subject to the Act and these Rules, any other business transacted at the Annual General Meeting will be considered special business which requires a special resolution to be passed.
Chairman 35	į	The President shall be entitled to take the chair at every general	The President shall be appointed as chairman at every general meeting
(old 36)		meeting of the Chamber. If the President is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed from holding the meeting, (or if, being present, is not willing to act as chairman) the Members present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.	of the Chamber. If the President is not present within 15 minutes after
Adjournmen	t	•	The chairman of the general meeting may, with the consent of the
36 (old 37)		place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting	meeting at which quorum is present, adjourn the meeting. However, where a Force Majeure Event occurs, the chainman may adjourn the meeting without consent. In the event that the meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, the secretary will issue a new notice of meeting.
		meeting.	

Voting		1 1	
37 (old 38)			At any general meeting a resolution put to vote shall be decided on a show of hands or by applause unless a poll is demanded by the following:
	<u> </u>	(a) by the chairman of the meeting; or	(a) by the chairman of the meeting; or
		meeting that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the Minutes of the proceedings of the Chamber, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the	
38 (old 39)		once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the chairman	If a poll is duly demanded, the voting will be conducted in the manner specified by the chairperson of the meeting, and the results of the vote shall constitute the resolution of that meeting.
39 (old 40)		shall both on a show of hands and on a poll have one vote. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of a meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at	Each Member attending the general meeting, whether represented by a representative or proxy, shall have one voting right, regardless of whether the vote is conducted by a show of hands, by applause or by poll. In the case of a tie vote, whether by a show of hands, by applause or by poll, the chairman is entitled to a casting vote in addition to their vote that has already been cast.
43 (old 44)	2	Two auditors shall be elected each year by the Members who shall hold office until the next financial year's Annual General Meeting following the election.	The manner in which the auditors are elected will be determined by the Board.
Pinancial Provi	isions		
45 (old 46)		The Secretary or other person or persons as the Board shall appoint for the purpose shall:	The Secretary or other person or persons as the Board shall appoint for the purpose shall:
(0.0 40)		I	(b) meet all payment obligations in accordance with the Board's directions;
Funds			uncectoris,
47 (old 48)		manner as it thinks fit including the charging of admission and membership fees, the solicitation of donations and the borrowing of money either from Members or other persons or organizations and on the security of the Chamber's assets or any of them or without giving security provided that in no event shall interest at a rate exceeding the lowest rate for the time being payable by the Chambers' bankers for	The Board may raise moneys for and on behalf of the Chamber in such manner as the Board thinks appropriate including the charging of admission and membership fees, the solicitation of donations and the borrowing of money either from Members or other persons or organisations, regardless of whether there will be security over the Chamber's assets. Where money is borrowed from a Member, the interest rate payable by the Chamber to the Member must not exceed the lowest rate payable for term deposit at the bank nominated by the Chamber.
48 (old 49)	į	The Board may invest any funds of the Chamber in any manner and for any period as it thinks fit and may realize any investments or any part of those investments or change any investments as it thinks fit.	
Seal 49 (old 50)	į	any period as it thinks fit and may realize any investments or any part of those investments or change any investments as it thinks fit.	The Board shall provide and adopt a Common Seal of the Chamber and shall have power from time to time to destroy and to substitute a new Common Seal in its place. The Common Seal shall be kept under such custody and control as the Board prescribes.
51 (old 52)	 - - - -	Rules, minutes of general meetings and financial statements submitted at a general meeting, and subject to Rule 52.2, the minutes of meetings of the Board) shall be open to the inspection of Members at any reasonable time. Members are also entitled to a copy of these rules and	of the Board) shall be open to the inspection of Members. Members are
52 (old 53)		Once at least in every year the accounts of the Chamber shall be examined and audited by the auditors.	The Chamber's accounts shall be examined and audited once a year.
Custody of reco	ords	Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Secretary shall keep in his or her custody or under his or her control, all books, documents and securities of the Chamber. It also shall be the obligation of the Secretary	1

Notices 54		been sent or served when the email or the facsimile transmission is sent. Any notice posted shall be deemed to have been served at the expiration of 24 hours after posting and in proving service it shall be	(c) Deleted
	2	If a Member does not have a Registered Address within Victoria, or if the Chamber has bona fide reasons to believe that the Member is not known at its Registered Address and the Chamber has subsequently made an enquiry at the Registered Address of the Member as to the whereabouts of the Member, which enquiry either elicits no response or a response indicating that the member or its present whereabouts are unknown, all future notices shall be deemed to be given to that Member if the notice is exhibited at the Office for a period of 48 hours (and shall be deemed to be duly served at the commencement of that period) unless and until the Member informs the Chamber that it has resumed residence at its Registered Address or notifies the Chamber of a new address within Victoria to which the Chamber may send notices (which new address shall be deemed its Registered Address).	Deleted
Application of 55 (old 56)		The income and property of the Chamber whenever derived shall be applied solely towards the purposes of the Chamber and no portion of the property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to the Members or the Board PROVIDED that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any Member or officer of the	in return for any services actually rendered to the Chamber nor for goods supplied in the ordinary and usual way of business nor prevent the payment of interest, at a rate not exceeding the lowest rate from the time being payable by the Chamber's bankers for term deposits, on
Indemnity 57 (old 58)	 2 2 	employed or engaged by the Chamber may be indemnified to the relevant extent out of the assets of the Chamber against any liability	In addition to Rule 57.1, any other person employed or engaged by the Chamber may be indemnified to the relevant extent out of the assets of the Chamber against any liability incurred by such person in or arising out of the conduct of the business of the Chamber or in or arising out of the discharge of the duties of such person where the Board considers it appropriate to do so.
		(a) "officer" means: (i) the President, the Vice-President, a member of the Board or the secretary; or (ii) a person appointed as a trustee by, or acting as a trustee at the express request of, the Chamber; or (iii) an auditor; and	For the purposes of this Rule 57: (a) "officer" means: (i) the President, the Vice-Presidents, a member of the Board or the secretary; or (ii) any former President, Vice-Presidents, a member of the Board or the secretary; and (iii) "duties of the officer" includes duties arising by reason of the appointment, nomination or secondment in any capacity of an officer by the Chamber to any other association.

Definitions		:
59	In these Rules the following shall have the meaning respectively	In these Rules the following shall have the meaning respectively
(old 60)	assigned to them unless there is something in the subject or context that is inconsistent:	assigned to them unless there is something in the subject or context that is inconsistent:
	(a) "the Act" means the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.	(a) "the Act" means the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.
	(b) "the Board" means the persons comprising the governing body of the Chamber constituted and appointed pursuant to Rules 16 and 17.	(b) "the Board" means the persons comprising the governing body of the Chamber constituted and appointed pursuant to Rules 15 and 16.
	(c) "financial year" means a continuous twelve month period ending on 30 June in each year.	(c) "financial year" means a continuous twelve month period ending on 30 June in each year.
	(d) "Japanese corporation" means any company, corporation, firm or other body (whether incorporate or not) formed or incorporated in Japan or a related body corporate of any such company, corporation, firm or body.	(d) Deleted
	(e) "JETRO" means the Japan External Trade Organization.	i (d) "JETRO" means the Japan External Trade Organization.
!	(f) "Member" means a member of the Chamber.	(e) "Member" means a member of the Chamber.
j	(g) "month" means calendar month	(f) "month" means calendar month
	(h)"non-Japanese Corporation" means any company, corporation, firm or other body (whether incorporate or not) formed or incorporated otherwise than in Japan.	(h) Deleted
	(i)"the Office" means the business address of the Secretary as altered from time to time.	(g)"the Office" means the business address of the Secretary as altered from time to time.
	(j) "Registered Address" means the address of a Member as shown in the register of Members of the Chamber. (k) "the Rules" or "these Rules" means these Rules as altered or added to from time to time and any reference to a Rule by number is a reference to the Rule of that number in these Rules.	(h) "Registered Address" means the address of a Member as shown in the register of Members of the Chamber. (l) "the Rules" or "these Rules" means these Rules as altered or added to from time to time and any reference to a Rule by number is a reference to the Rule of that number in these Rules. (j) "writing" and "written" includes printing and other modes of
	(I) "writing" and "written" includes printing, typing, lithography and other modes of reproducing words in a visible form. [2] In these Rules:	reproducing words in a visible form. [(k) "Force Majeure Event" means an unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstance beyond the Chamber or members' control including but not limited to floods, fire, other natural disasters, war, invasion, strikes or industrial disputes.
	(a) words which are given a special meaning by the Act shall have the same meaning in these Rules; and	
	(b) a reference to the Act or any section shall be read as though the words "or any statutory modification or any statutory provision substituted" were added to such reference.	(b) Deleted