

## **Herefords Australia – Dispute Resolution Policy**

- 1. The dispute resolution procedure in this clause applies to disputes (disagreements) under the Herefords Australia Limited Regulations between a member or director and:
  - a. one or more members
  - b. one or more directors, or
  - c. the company.
- 2. A member must not start a dispute resolution procedure in relation to a matter which is the subject of a disciplinary procedure until the disciplinary procedure is completed.
- Those involved in the dispute must try to resolve it between themselves within 14 days of knowing about it.
- 4. If those involved in the dispute do not resolve it under clause 3, they must within 10 days:
  - a. tell the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer about the dispute in writing
  - b. agree or request that a mediator be appointed, and
  - c. attempt in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation.
- 5. The mediator must:
  - a. be chosen by agreement of those involved, or
  - b. where those involved do not agree:
    - i. for disputes between members, a person chosen by the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, or
    - ii. for other disputes, the president of the law institute or society in the state or territory in which the company has its registered office.
- 6. A mediator chosen by the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer under clause 5(b)(i):
  - a. may be a member or former member of the company
  - b. must not have a personal interest in the dispute, and
  - c. must not be biased towards or against anyone involved in the dispute.
- 7. When conducting the mediation, the mediator must:
  - a. allow those involved a reasonable chance to be heard
  - b. allow those involved a reasonable chance to review any written statements
  - c. ensure that those involved are given natural justice, and
  - d. not make a decision on the dispute.