

Constitution Subcommittee Annual Report 2025–2026

The Constitution Subcommittee, comprising Jacqui Newman (Chair), Roslyn Wallis, Mark Chapple and Ray Lamb, has continued its work over the past year to develop a constitution that provides a sound governance framework and supports the future needs of the Liverpool Plains Business Chamber Inc.

In mid-2025, the subcommittee confirmed that the document previously believed to be the Chamber's current constitution was not valid due to a lodgement issue. As a result, the development, approval and lodgement of a new constitution became a priority. It was agreed that the new constitution needed to be robust, fit for purpose and representative of the Chamber's future needs.

During 2026, the subcommittee revisited the project and undertook a comprehensive review of the previous constitution, the 2024 Model Constitution, and constitutions from other Chambers provided through support from Business NSW. This benchmarking process helped inform the development of an updated draft constitution.

The draft constitution has now been reviewed by the subcommittee and the Committee. Subject to some minor amendments, the Committee will endorse the Constitution, and preparations will commence for a member vote.

The subcommittee proposes a special meeting in person with virtual attendance also possible and an electronic ballot process to maximise member participation and meet the requirement for approval by 75% of financial members.

The subcommittee looks forward to finalising this important governance initiative for the Chamber.

Jacqui Newman
Chair, Constitution Subcommittee