

## CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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### Election of Planning Convener

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The election of a Planning Convener has been scheduled to take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

The following is an excerpt from the Board Standing Orders detailing the election process for Convener, which is applicable:

- a) The Chair will seek nominations from Members of the NPA at the meeting. Any Member may propose another NPA member as Convener, and a third Member must second the nomination for it to be valid.
  - b) Each candidate who has a valid nomination will be asked if they wish to make a short statement to the meeting.
  - c) Members who are absent from the meeting may be put forward for election, provided they have indicated to the Convener their consent to being nominated. A statement by such a candidate may be circulated at the meeting.
  - d) Election will be by absolute majority, as follows:
    - Members may only cast one vote in each round of voting;
    - Only Members who are present may vote;
    - Once the first set of votes has been cast, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be excluded;
    - A fresh vote will be taken on the remaining candidates where again each Member can only cast one vote for the candidate of their choice; again the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be excluded.
    - This process will continue until one candidate emerges with an absolute majority of the votes cast by those Members present and voting.
    - Where there is an equality of votes among those candidates who have least votes, then a decision on who is to be excluded will be determined by lot.
    - If it is the case that there is only one candidate for either position, then that person will be declared elected.
    - Voting will be by secret ballot.
2. The duration of the office of a Committee Convener or Deputy Convener is generally one year, unless the Board agrees otherwise.