

## CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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### Election of Planning Deputy-Convener

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1. The election of a Planning Deputy-Convener has been scheduled to take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012.  
(Note: The election for Planning Convener is due to be held in March 2012.)
2. 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.
3. The duration of the office of a Committee Convener or Deputy Convener is generally one year, unless the Board agrees otherwise.