

CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Election of Planning Convener

1. The election of a Planning Convener has been scheduled to take place on Friday 30th March 2012.
2. The following is an excerpt from the Board Standing Orders detailing the election process for Convener:
 - 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.

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