

The 'VOICE OF VIEW'



NATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

YOU ARE NOW INVITED TO

Debate and vote on our 2022-23 resolutions

THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF VIEW RESOLUTIONS IS TO RAISE ISSUES OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL IMPORTANCE THAT MATTER TO WOMEN.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT

The 'Voice of VIEW' is an important aspect of VIEW Clubs of Australia. Through the National Resolution process, we are able to collectively identify and articulate issues that are considered important for influencing social change in Australia.

The listed three motions on the attached ballot paper will be debated at our National Convention, Conference Day 2, on Saturday 9 September 2023. They were selected from thirty-one motions submitted by Clubs and following debate by National Council they were selected to proceed to the final debate by members in their clubs or at the National Convention.

When considering their choices National Councillors used these guidelines and you are also encouraged to consider the same criteria when voting:

VIEW's Vision – **women creating and leading a more inclusive Australian society**

VIEW's mission – As a leading voice and valued support network for women VIEW actively raises awareness of, and participates in, the work of The Smith Family.

VIEW women, as members of local communities, and part of a national organisation are in a unique position to articulate and communicate national issues of concern. We represent 15,000 women from rural, regional and metropolitan Australia – and our resolution making process aims to ensure that our Voices can have an influence in positive and effective ways.

This year you are being asked to consider three motions.

We now need you, the VIEW Club members, to discuss and vote on these motions; clubs with members choosing to postal vote need to ensure that the completed tally sheet is returned to National Office by Friday 25 August 2023. The Resolutions Sub-Committee has agreed that any amendments to the resolutions will not be accepted at Convention.

VOTING PROCEDURE FOR CLUBS

1. Discuss and debate these three motions. Ask each member to vote on each motion (total of one vote per person, Any member has the right to abstain).

Option 1 – Postal Voting. If a member *is not* attending Convention, they should vote at their club. Members will **place a cross (x)** in yes or no box for each resolution. Secretaries are to retain all individual club ballot papers until January 2024.

Option 2 – Vote at Convention. If a member *is* attending Convention, they can choose to cast their vote on the day after having heard all the arguments for and against each motion.

If you are in any doubt regarding the procedure, please do not hesitate to contact your Zone or National Councillor to discuss your queries.

THE RESOLUTION DEBATE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION -

- Any member attending Convention can take part in the debate surrounding these three resolutions.
- If your Club has a member who wishes to speak FOR or AGAINST a motion at the Convention, we would warmly welcome her - please advise National Office through your Zone and National Councillor.
- We often find ourselves in the position where everyone AGREES with the motion, but it is equally important for members to present ideas and opinions that argue AGAINST the motions in order to balance the debate.
- Prior notice of a speaker's details will help with the allocation of time in the Convention's program.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolutions – copy of three motion/resolutions that are being debated/voted.

Member Voting Instructions - includes the process of casting votes (this can be shared between members)

Multi member voting paper – has 4 individual member resolution votes, does not have the full voting process (allows for reduction in printing)

Club Voting Tally Sheet - collating all votes (only this is to be returned to National Office)

KEY DATES

Voting results due to National Office Friday 25 August 2023

Resolutions Announced Saturday 9 September 2023

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW:

Clubs/Members – debate and vote on three resolutions as supplied.

Voting can be done either at Club level (not attending VIEW National Convention) or at VIEW National Convention Day 2 (Saturday 9 September).

Only the Club Tally Sheet should be returned to National Office.

Reminder - it is no longer VIEW policy for members to vote by a show of hands. Every financial member of VIEW has the opportunity to register an **individual private vote** on the attached voting paper i.e. one voting paper per member.

Your Zone/National Councillor is available to answer any questions you may have.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NEXT:

Please return your Voting Tally Sheet to VIEW National Office by **Friday 25 August 2023**.

Email: view@thesmithfamily.com.au

Post: GPO Box 10500, Sydney NSW 2001

A Frequently asked Questions (FAQ) fact sheet has been prepared by the Resolution Sub Committee, and is available, to assist you with any queries from members.

Thank you for your contribution.