Conservation Landholders Tasmania (CLT) *General Meeting* – Minutes

Date: 21-02-2026
Time: 9.00 – 10.00
Location: Online -Zoom (University of Tasmania)
Chair: Kylie Tune
Minute-taker: Petra Koenders

Attendees: Scott Bell, Susan Ellis Blackburn, Brian Bowring, Chris Calverley, Michael Cornish, Karen Dedenczuk, Helen Donovan, Kay and Chris Harman, Anthony Houston, Petra Koenders, Annabel Richards, Ben Richardson, Peter Riggall, Paul Spillane, Helen Tait, Peter Tuft, Kylie Tune,

Apologies: Rosemary Collins, Peter Stronach,

Item	Topic	Summary of discussion & Vote	Action
Opening and Context			
1	Welcome Acknowledgement of Country	The Chair opened the meeting and provided an Acknowledgement of Country.	
Guest speaker			
2	Introduction ALCA by Michael Cornish	Michael Cornish provided an overview of the Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA), its advocacy work, and recent national funding successes, including: • $250 million over five years for the Saving Bushland Program • $1.5 million allocated to reinvigorate the Tasmanian Private Land Conservation Program ALCA's annual conference will be held in Hobart, 6–9 October 2026, including a proposed landholder forum.	- Liaise with Alca about CLT presence at annual conference → Executive team

Constitutional business and governance			
3	Confirmation of agenda and meeting procedures	Noted	
	Background (Chair / Ben Richardson)	*Professor Ben Richardson, Environmental Law Professor at the University of Tasmania, has provided substantial voluntary assistance to the working group in progressing the incorporation process and drafting the Constitution. The meeting formally acknowledged and expressed **sincere thanks** to Professor Richardson for the considerable time, expertise and care he has contributed in supporting the development of CLT.* Members were reminded that, at the Town Hall meeting in Campbell Town, there was agreement in principle to pursue incorporation of CLT. Since that time, the working group has undertaken the necessary steps to prepare for incorporation, including the drafting and refinement of a Constitution for consideration at this meeting. It was clarified that incorporation under the **Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (Tasmania)** establishes CLT as a not-for-profit incorporated association. This is distinct from incorporation as a company and operates under a different legislative framework designed specifically for community organisations and member-based associations. The reasons discussed for incorporation include: • Providing a clear legal structure for the organisation • Limiting individual members' liability in relation to CLT activities • Establishing appropriate governance arrangements where funds may be received or managed • Supporting transparency, accountability and member participation in decision-making Members were reminded that CLT has previously operated under a trust structure. Incorporation represents a transition to a governance model more suited to a growing, member-based organisation. The Constitution has been developed through an iterative process. An initial draft was prepared by Professor Richardson and subsequently reviewed and refined in consultation with the working group. The version presented at this meeting reflects that collaborative process. It was noted that the Constitution is intended to be a living document. As CLT evolves, the Constitution may be amended in accordance with the procedures set out within it to reflect future needs.	

		Members acknowledged that while legislation and governance documents provide a structural foundation, the long-term success of CLT will depend on constructive collaboration, mutual respect, and collegial engagement among members.	
4	Constitution Ben Richardson	Prof Richardson explained and clarified the different clauses, after which the following amendments are suggested and accepted: Clause 1 - Name has been in-avertedly changed from Landholders to Landowners. Amendment: revert to Landholders Clause 5 - Subclause 3: ad 'In Tasmania' after 'on their property' to indicate the covenant should be located in Tasmania. - Subclause 3: grammatical change: ad 'a' before 'full member'. Clause 10 - Subclause 9: grammatical change: chance to 'until such time as' with the as added to original text. Clause 14 - Subclause 2: grammatical change: add 'as' instead of 'of'. **Resolution:** That the Constitution of Conservation Landholders Tasmania, as amended at this meeting, be adopted. **Result:** Carried unanimously, with two abstentions.	- Implement amendments to constitution → Ben Richardson - Store the constitution and publish on website → CLT executive team
5	Assignment of Executive Committee roles Kylie Tune / Brian Bowring	Nominations: a) President: o Kylie Tune b) Vice-president: o none c) Secretary: o Petra Koenders d) Treasurer: o Nominations: Brian Bowring e) Public Officer: o Nominations: Peter Rigall f) Up to four ordinary persons who are full members of CLT who do not presently hold an officer position listed in a-e: o Karen Dedenzuck,	- Petra to call Anthony Houston

		○ Anthony Houston to confirm nomination following discussion All nominations accepted, the Executive Committee was duly constituted.	
6	Resolution to incorporate under the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania)	**Vote** **Resolution:** That Conservation Landholders Tasmania resolve to apply for incorporation under the Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (Tasmania), and that the adopted Constitution be submitted with the application. **Result:** Carried unanimously, with two abstentions. Peter Rigall, as Public Officer, is authorized to lodge the application for incorporation and associated documents.	Apply for incorporation → Peter Rigall
	General discussion of possible CLT activities for 2026	Scrapped due to insufficient time	
Wrap-up			
10	Other updates	- Please complete the survey Landcare developed in cooperation with CLT, it will help us know what covenant landholders want and need support with. You can find the survey here	
11	Next meeting	- Not decided	