



# GIPPSLAND & EAST GIPPSLAND ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE LTD

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12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

Dear Community Members and GEGAC Staff,

Today, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April, we have been informed by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) that they have been unable to approve the proposed rule changes voted upon at the last Special General Meeting dated 2nd March, 2021 to allow two staff members to be Directors. The issue with approval essentially lies with our Rules not meeting the requirements of the current Act. The advice received from CAV is as follows:

*"Unfortunately, your application cannot be processed at this time because the current rules of the Co-operative refer to Co-operatives Act 1996 which was replaced by Co-operatives National Application Act 2013 (CNL). Before your proposed changes can be approved, all of the rules of this Co-operative will need to be amended to comply with the CNL."*

We have been in contact with our legal counsel who have been attempting to obtain clarification from CAV in regards to this decision. Our legal team have now advised that the best course of action is to postpone the AGM until the outlined process has been undertaken and approval has been obtained from CAV. This will ensure that your views as the community are reflected in our Rules and the resolution approved by members at the SGM will be applicable for this upcoming AGM thus allowing two employee Directors on the Board at any one time.

We, the Board of Directors for GEGAC, apologise for any inconvenience which this decision may cause and we will provide a new date as soon as possible. Thankyou.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Coe  
Chairperson

Joshua Tuiono  
Vice Chairperson

Jessie George  
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Andrew Morgan  
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Michael Eagles  
Secretary

Rodney Harrison  
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