

From: Kathy at DTE <kathyatdte@gmail.com>

To: Cooperative Secretary <secretary@dte.coop>, board@dte.coop, DTE Directors <directors@dte.coop>, ocmail@dte.org.au, oc@dte.org.au, active2@dte.org.au

Subject: Electronic Ballot Propositions are not General Meeting Motions

Date: Wed, 16 Sep 2020 10:24:33 +1000

Dear Secretary and Directors

I would like to remind the Board and Directors of the DTE Rules pertaining to the allocation of funds to the Board and the Organising Committee.

In particular:

Rule 47 (12) The Board must not spend or commit the Cooperative to expenditure of more than \$3000 per quarter year without the approval of a general meeting. This money can only be spent on statutory requirements for the operation of the Society.

Rule 47 (16) (d) (xi) The Organising Committee shall have a monthly minimum allowance of one hundred dollars (\$100) cumulative, and additional operating expenses are to be approved by general meeting motion.

My understanding is that it would be fraudulent for Directors to approve transfer of money from the Investment Accounts to the OC or Board account based on Propositions on an electronic ballot being passed.

This could result in reports to the police or other government bodies or legal action.

Given the contentious and underhand way the current electronic ballot has been instituted and is being conducted, I think it is possible that members would consider action.

I am urging my fellow directors to be careful and protect themselves; think carefully before approving any transfers.

Kind regards

Kathy Ernst

Director DTE