

# **NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting (SGM) of Fruit Growers Tasmania Inc (Association) will be held at 12.45pm on Thursday 12 June 2025 at the Plenary Hall, Wrest Point Hotel, 410 Sandy Bay Rd, Sandy Bay Tasmania 7005.

# **AGENDA**

# **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

- 1 MEETING ATTENDANCE
- 1.1 PRESENT
- 1.2 QUORUM
- 1.3 APOLOGIES
- 1.4 OBSERVERS

# **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

# 2 PROPOSED CONSTITUTION UPDATE

To consider and, if thought fit, add the following dissolution clause to Rule 7 of the Fruit Growers Tasmania Inc constitution as a special resolution:

(6) In the event of the organisation being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.

**MOTION 'THAT**, the above dissolution clause is added to Rule 7 of the Fruit Growers Tasmania Inc constitution.'

# **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The Australian Tax Office introduced a new reporting obligation for Not for Profit organisations. This obligation requires all associations seeking income tax exemption to lodge a self-review return at the end of each financial year.

A key eligibility criterion is that the organisation has and follows clauses in its governing documents that prohibit the distribution of income or assets to members while it is operating and upon winding up.

Having reviewed the current Fruit Growers Tasmania constitution, it has been identified that there is no clause that prohibits the distribution of income or assets to members upon winding up.

As a result, Fruit Growers Tasmania does not currently comply with the ATO's eligibility requirements for income tax exemption.

Fruit Growers Tasmania must update its governing documents by 30 June 2025 to comply with the ATO's eligibility requirements.

Current Fruit Growers Tasmania Inc Constitution

**APPENDIX B**