

Remit – Transitioning from an Incorporated Society to a Charitable Trust

BACKGROUND

- A. Save Animals From Exploitation Incorporated “SAFE” (the “**Society**”) is an incorporated society that was incorporated on 26 June 1933 and which is governed by a constitution dated 18 November 1998 and amended on 17 September 2004, 9 January 2008, 26 June 2008, 23 September 2008, 4 February 2010, 29 September 2010, 6 July 2014, 20 October 2014, 5 December 2018 and 29 January 2025 (“**Current Constitution**”).
- B. The Society’s Board has been considering the best future structure for the Society. One option would be to transition to a charitable trust structure, something that many other incorporated societies are choosing to do since the introduction of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and due to societal changes. This would update the rules around governance and decision making and facilitate structural changes.
- C. It was noted that a charitable trust could advance charitable objects within New Zealand which are very similar to those set out in the Society’s Current Constitution. This would enable the Society to transfer its assets to a charitable trust, to retain its charitable status, and in due course wind up the Society.
- D. Further consideration and discussion is needed before confirming the preferred structure.

RESOLUTION

The members resolve:

That the Society’s Board continue to explore the option of transitioning to a charitable trust, including gaining a clear understanding of all steps and implications for the Society.



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