



Legislative changes affecting Incorporated Associations in Victoria

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As I talk to groups across the state, it surprises me how many of our Incorporated Associations are still unaware of the recent transition to the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (AIR Act), and the implications this has for the governance of their groups.

One of the key changes under the AIR Act is the introduction of the new Model Rules, to reflect the requirements of the new legislation.

By 26 November 2013 the Rules of Association of all Incorporated Associations in Victoria needed to reflect these new requirements, regardless of whether they are operating under the Model Rules, or have made small changes to the Model Rules to create their own set of tailored Rules, or whether they have a fully tailored set of Rules.

If your group didn't undertake a process to formally do this, the Model Rules now apply to you, which presents a range of implications, some of which may cause issues for your group in the future.

So if your group has not considered what the AIR Act means for you, make it a priority to contact Consumer Affairs Victoria ASAP and find out about what you need to do to comply with these new requirements!