

**Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Victoria)**

**COMMITTEE FOR PORTLAND INCORPORATED  
STATEMENT OF PURPOSES**

1. The name of the Association is “**Committee for Portland**” (“the Association”).
2. The purposes of the Association are: -
  - 2.1. To improve the capacity of Portland and its surrounding region (“the Portland Region”) economically and socially, producing benefit for the community of the Portland Region.
  - 2.2. To act as a catalyst for ideas, facilitating those ideas with the ability to add to the success, prosperity and sustainable future of the Portland Region.
  - 2.3. To advocate, advance, facilitate and promote endorsed strategic projects that will be of benefit for the Portland Region community.
  - 2.4. To support, protect and grow the integrity, character and status of the Portland Region, it’s businesses and community.
  - 2.5. To establish and cultivate a non political, unbiased and proactive approach in working closely with the government of the day at local, state and federal level and businesses, to build within the Portland region: -
    - 2.5.1. Enhanced liveability;
    - 2.5.2. A sustainable future;
    - 2.5.3. Global relevance;
    - 2.5.4. An innovative business culture;
    - 2.5.5. A growing leadership base;
    - 2.5.6. An appropriately resourced and skilled community;
    - 2.5.7. A community attitude conducive to success; and
    - 2.5.8. The ability of the community to appropriately react to situations that may occur within its region.
  - 2.6. To represent the endorsed views and interests of Members by any means available to the Association.
  - 2.7. To promote, conduct and contribute to research of all kinds directed towards the objects of the Association.
  - 2.8. To adopt such means of publicity and promotion as may seem expedient for promoting the objects of the Association.
  - 2.9. To give Government, public bodies, businesses and other stakeholders the ability to confer with and ascertain the views of persons engaged in business and the community regarding matters directly or indirectly affecting them.
  - 2.10. To collect and circulate statistics and other information relating to the community, its people and businesses.
  - 2.11. To cooperate with and enter into any arrangements or agreements with any persons or bodies that the Association may consider would further the objects and policy of the Association.
  - 2.12. To provide functions, events and facilities for social and business interaction between Members.

3. Solely for the purpose of furthering the purposes set out above the Association shall have power: -
  - 3.1. To indemnify any person for any loss or damage incurred as a result of having, on behalf of the Association, become liable to pay any amount by way of damages or otherwise;
  - 3.2. To subscribe to, become a member of, co-operate or amalgamate with any other association or organisation, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the Association provided that the Association shall not subscribe to or support with its funds any association or organisation which does not prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its Members to an extent at least as great as that imposed on the Association under or by virtue of the Rules;
  - 3.3. To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire and maintain any lands, buildings, easements or property, real and personal, and any rights or privileges which may be requisite for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with, any of the purposes of the Association and from time to time to sell, demise, let, mortgage or dispose of the said real or personal property: PROVIDED THAT should the Association take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts the Association shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts;
  - 3.4. To enter into any arrangements with any Government or other authority that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes and the exercise of the powers of the Association and to obtain from any such Government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Association may think it desirable to obtain; and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights privileges and concessions;
  - 3.5. To appoint, employ, remove or suspend such managers, clerks, secretaries, servants, workmen and other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association;
  - 3.6. To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the Association 's interests, and to contribute to, subsidise or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, alteration or control thereof;
  - 3.7. To collect and receive money by voluntary contributions, subscriptions, donations, legacies and payments by persons, companies, public bodies and others;
  - 3.8. To invest and deal with the money of the Association not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be thought fit;
  - 3.9. To take, or otherwise acquire, and hold shares, debentures or other securities of any company or body corporate;
  - 3.10. To lend and advance money or give credit to any person or body corporate; to guarantee and give guarantees or indemnities for the payment of money or the performance of contracts or obligations by any person or body corporate, and otherwise to assist any person or body corporate;
  - 3.11. To borrow or raise money either alone or jointly with any other person or legal entity in such manner as may be thought proper and whether upon fluctuating advance account or overdraft or otherwise to represent or secure any moneys and further advances borrowed or to be borrowed alone or with others as aforesaid by notes secured or unsecured, debentures or

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- debenture stock perpetual or otherwise, or by mortgage, charge, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the Association's property or assets present or future and to purchase, redeem or pay-off any such securities;
- 3.12. To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments;
  - 3.13. To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Association;
  - 3.14. To take or hold mortgages, liens or charges, to secure payment of the purchase price, or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of the Association 's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Association, or any money due to the Association from purchasers and others;
  - 3.15. To take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the purposes of the Association but subject always to the provisos in paragraph 4 of this Statement;
  - 3.16. To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association, in the form of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise;
  - 3.17. To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the incorporated associations with which the Association is authorised to amalgamate;
  - 3.18. To transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Association to any one or more of the incorporated associations with which the Association is authorised to amalgamate;
  - 3.19. To make donations for patriotic, charitable or community purposes;
  - 3.20. To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes and the exercise of the powers of the Association.