

*“But they were relatively few in number and their objections were varied. Some people disagreed with the whole concept of incorporating. Some people favoured incorporation as a company limited by guarantee. Some members wanted a number of clauses to be changed and others had only a few comments or suggestions. Obviously, it would not be possible to reconcile all these differences,”* Ms Carius said.

Due to the broad support and positive feedback received by Councillors and the Office of Dogs Queensland the decision was made to bite the bullet and put the constitution to members for a vote and this was done in the form of a referendum conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission.

*“We believe that members here this evening should ratify the referendum by passing a Special Resolution in the form proposed,”* Ms Carius said.

The Australian Electoral Commission then conducted the ballot. The official results are from a total of 234 votes. There were 161 yes votes and 73 no votes. The yes votes totalled 68.8% of the eligible voters present. This is just 6.2% short of the 75% required by the Queensland Incorporations Act for incorporation to proceed.

At this stage it is not clear how things will proceed from here. Ms Carius is hopeful talks will continue with the RNA so that some agreement can be reached that will see Dogs Queensland become an incorporated entity in its own right. At this point in time it would seem Dogs Queensland is the only canine control body that remains under the wings of a Royal Society.



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Giovanna Suedan's Xolos in Guadalajara, Mexico on Halloween