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## AUSTRALIAN LIVE STEAMERS SAFETY COMMITTEE

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## **Re: ALSSC Consultation Process on Code of Practice for Operation and Training**

The Committee has concluded the consultation process and has now concluded the member club contribution phase.

This report completes the commencement of the 2009 consultation process with all AALS member clubs in which key Code of Practice for Operation and Training (referred to in this document as the Code) and operational safety issues were proposed to be evaluated in detail then resubmitted to member clubs for determination in accordance with the AALS constitution.

As in 2008, this consultation process was intended to provide a forum for detailed evaluation and discussion of issues associated with safe operation of activities at member clubs. This process was proposed as a better, consultative approach to the current process of drafting and submitting motions to the AGM. The latter involves virtually no debate given that most member clubs have determined their position and have returned their completed votes well before the AGM.

### **The Consultation Issues**

The Committee adopted the following priority of issues for consultation and development in 2009:

- Remodelling and revision of the Code of Practice for Operation and Training to make the document more user-friendly and comprehensive;
- Development of a draft Code for gas Firing of Miniature Boilers that are subject to the provisions of the AMBSC boiler codes;
- Further review of where passenger footwear requirements could be relaxed for certain 7 ¼" passenger carrying carriages;
- Developing and strengthening the role of the competent person with respect to the Code of Practice for Operation and Training.

### **The Outcomes of the Consultation Process**

Inputs from clubs and individuals on these topics were received up to the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2009.

The Committee has summarised all submissions received, and established what appears to be the most appropriate direction to progress each issue. This report constitutes the distribution of the finalised position to all member clubs, together with the proposed amendments to all formal documentation such as the Code and possibly the Standing Orders of the Association.

The process continues the consultation and due diligence that the Association has been accused of lacking. Equally, the consultation process is not open-ended, and will ensure that issues are fully addressed, all submissions considered, and the matters ultimately determined by the democratic processes of the Association.

We recognise that the consultation process will not satisfy all member clubs, yet believe that it will address the democratic constitution of our Association while permitting all views to be expressed and evaluated.

Feel free to contact us any at reasonable time to discuss safety issues.

Regards

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