



**New Zealand Association of Counsellors Inc
Te Roopu Kaiwhiriwhiri o Aotearoa**

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Proposed Change – (Please quote the rule number being changed)

Rule 8. (A)

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Change to:

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Rationale

Whereas it is stated in some NZAC documentation that Te Ahi Kaa will preside over executive meetings *with* the President, in section 8(A) of *The Constitution* it states meetings will be chaired by “the President, *or* Te Ahi Kaa”⁷⁷. This has implications for partnership and tino rangatiratanga when applied to section 8(F) where the “chairperson of any meeting shall have a casting vote as well as deliberative vote”

Proposed by (please print) Jeanine Lumsden

Signed:

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