

## **Updated Rule – Life Membership**

“**Life Member**” means a person appointed by the Executive Committee as a Life Member of the Association in recognition of exceptional and sustained contribution to the Association and the waste and recycling industry, where the person satisfies one or more of the eligibility pathways set out below.

### **Eligibility Pathways**

A person may be considered eligible for Life Membership if they have:

#### **(a) Executive Service Pathway**

Served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Association for a cumulative period of not less than ten (10) years, and during that time demonstrated meaningful leadership, governance contribution, and active involvement in advancing the objectives and work of the Association;

**or**

#### **(b) Industry Leadership Pathway**

Worked in the waste and recycling industry for a period of not less than twenty-five (25) years, and demonstrated a significant and measurable contribution to the Association, including sustained involvement that has positively influenced its governance, policy development, advocacy outcomes, membership, or reputation.

### **Contribution Standard**

For the avoidance of doubt, eligibility for Life Membership requires evidence of substantial and ongoing contribution.

Mere attendance at events, social functions, or general membership activities, without meaningful involvement or impact, does not of itself constitute eligibility.

### **Appointment and Confirmation**

Nominations are received by the executive committee and review by the executive committee of the day. If deemed eligible for appointment by the executive committee, the appointment of a Life Member by the Executive Committee must be submitted for confirmation by the Members at the next General Meeting of the Association. No more than two individuals from each pathway will be granted life membership in a single 12 month period.

If the Members resolve to disallow the appointment at that General Meeting, the appointment will cease to have effect.