

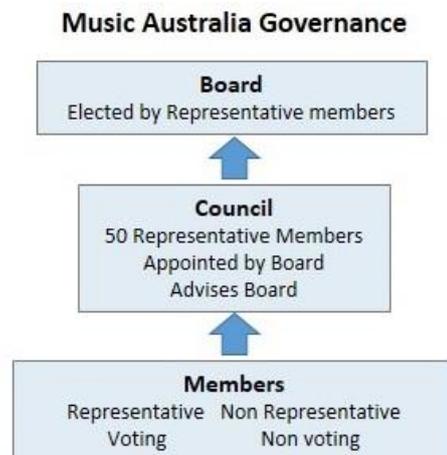
Music Australia Governance Changes 2016

Music Australia (Music Council of Australia Pty Ltd) approved an updated constitution at the AGM on 3 November 2016. The purpose of these changes was to modernise the constitution to bring it in line with current law, and to provide more flexibility in the membership structure. Limits on the number of organisational members were removed to enable Music Australia to be more representative. A new category of membership was also created to accommodate those who support the organisations' work but may not be formally representative or require voting rights.



Specific changes are:

- The constitution has been updated in keeping with current law
- The directors jointly own the shares of the company on trust for the company itself
- The Council concept is retained, with nominally 50 Councillors but this can be varied
- Limits on number of Councillors, individual and organisational members have been removed
- Two categories of membership have been created: Representative and non Representative
- Each of these can have Organisational and Individual members
- Representative members represent a national music constituency and have voting rights
- Non representative members who support Music Australia's work receive full member benefits without voting rights
- Councillors are drawn from the ranks of Representative members, appointed by the Board
- The Board is charged with ensuring voting members provide a balanced and full representation of the musical life of Australia
- Representative members elect the Board, vote on resolutions, and ratify annual reports
- The Objects of the company have been updated to make them more inclusive, see below.



Membership Eligibility

Category	Representative Members	Non Representative Members
Organisations	✓	✓
Individual members	✓	✓
Support Objects	✓	✓
Full membership benefits, attend AGM	✓	✓
Music is main activity	✓	✓
Voting rights	✓	✗
Nationally Representative	✓	✗
Approval	By Board	By Staff

Revised Objects

Only a few changes were made to the Objects, a tribute to the original drafters over two decades ago. They have been edited for clarity and to modernise the language, and a few items added to make them more inclusive.

The objects of the Council are:

1. To foster Australian musical life and support all forms of music in Australia
2. To bring together key organisations and individuals, and foster communication and cooperation between the various elements of the music sector across the country
3. To promote and raise public awareness of the value and contribution of music and musicians to individuals, to education, and to the cultural and economic life of the nation
4. To provide information and resources on music activity in Australia
5. To provide selected services to the Australian public and to the music sector
6. To foster effective development of musical activity by developing policies and contributing to and supporting policy development and implementation
7. To advocate to government, funding bodies and other decision makers policies and actions which will benefit Australian musical life