

A message from the Deemocracy group

We won a flag in 1964, and then complacency (mainly off the field) set in. We all know what happened or didn't happen for the next 57 years.

We all love the Melbourne Football Club (MFC) and want it to be the best possible version of itself.

But don't be complacent. You are rarely asked by the MFC Board to vote on a matter they are putting to you. Their effort on the Constitution is, in our view, demonstrated complacency – YOU can make them do better.

Today, the Supreme Court of Victoria ordered the MFC Board provide the Deemocracy group with the email addresses of all MFC voting Members.

We never wanted it to get to this point.

That's why we asked the MFC Board to send our message to you. Sadly, this request was rejected.

We respect the privacy and data of MFC Members. The register received by the Club will be permanently deleted in accordance with the orders made by the Court today.

We simply want you to hear our side of the story but were denied this by the Board as it looks to make changes to the Club's constitution for the first time in 15 years.

The goal of the Deemocracy group is to seize this opportunity to improve the constitution of the Melbourne Football Club, ensuring that it updates the Objects of the Club, enshrines proper female representation on the Board and puts in place electoral processes which will provide a fair and transparent democratic process.

Our Model Constitution

Our constitution was drafted by a leading law firm, benchmarked against the best - AFL clubs, not-for-profits, other companies like us, limited by guarantee - and it has been tailored for the MFC.

The Club's version is just a handful of changes, not a re-write.

Vote AGAINST the special resolution by lodging a proxy (if you have already lodged a proxy FOR, you are permitted to lodge a fresh proxy to vote AGAINST). The process takes less than one minute.

Our Proxy Guide is attached and you can read details of our version of the Constitution at www.deemocracy.com.

Thank you