

# Masonic Differences and Offences Remits

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### What's Happening?

We're suggesting rule amendments for greater transparency, fairness, and consistency within the Craft. Our emphasis is on streamlining procedures for addressing differences and offences within Freemasons New Zealand, ensuring swift resolutions within the Lodge and prompt handling of masonic offences that could harm the legacy of the Craft.

### Current Process



### Proposed Process

Contradictions in Rules

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Clearer, Streamlined Rules

Board handles all issues

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Empowered Grand Master, Committees & Commissions

Undefined Masonic Entities

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Defined Masonic Entities - holding Masonic property on behalf of lodges

Complex Procedures & Forms

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Enhanced Procedures & New Forms

Limited Inquiry Scope

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Fair & Comprehensive Inquiry



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### Key Changes Explained:



#### Clarification & Streamlining:

- We're removing contradictions and making rules more straightforward.
- Streamlining the process to handle differences and offences.



#### Empowering Leadership:

- Grand Master and designated committees and commissions will have more authority to resolve issues, freeing the Board to focus on governance.



#### Defining Masonic Entity:

- We are introducing a clear definition of what constitutes a Masonic Entity to protect our values and reputation.
- It encompasses all entities holding masonic property and managed or governed by masons on behalf of Lodges and all members.



#### Enhanced Procedures & Forms:

- We are implementing improved procedures and introducing clearer forms for handling complaints.



#### Focus on Fairness:

- We will conduct fair inquiries into members' concerns, even without a formal complaint.
- Consequences will be flexible, safeguarding the Craft's reputation and matching the seriousness of the offence.



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### Why It Matters:

The infographic consists of three stacked, rounded rectangular boxes with a downward-pointing arrow shape between them. The top box is teal and features an icon of three people with a 'MEMBER' sign below them. The middle box is green and features an icon of a compass and square. The bottom box is purple and features an icon of a circular arrow with a checkmark inside.

**For the Members**  
Clearer rules and streamlined processes mean less confusion and a better experience for all members.

**For the Craft**  
Enhancing our reputation by ensuring all entities and members align with our values.

**For the Future**  
Building a stronger, more united Freemasonry in New Zealand.

### In Summary:

We are making these changes to simplify our rules, resolve differences and deal with offences more effectively, and ensure Freemasonry in New Zealand continues to be a place of unity, respect, and shared values. By voting for these amendments, we are taking a step towards a brighter future for all members of the Craft.

Your understanding and support for these changes help us build a better Freemasons New Zealand!

To view the full remits for Masonic Offences and Differences please [click here](#).

