

# Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW)

## MEMORANDUM

**TO :** All Centres  
**FROM:** Margaret Norman, Hon. President/Executive Officer  
**DATE:** 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2005  
**SUBJECT:** RDA of Australia draft Constitution

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Dear Members,

By now you should have heard from your Regional Representatives of a Special Meeting held by RDANSW State Council on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2005. This meeting was called by the Board of Directors after receiving the final draft Constitution of RDAA, Rules and Explanatory notes on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.

At the Council meeting, all Councilors expressed their views about the draft constitution and rules.

At the Special RDANSW Council Meeting, all Councilors put their views forward.

After further discussion, a motion was put forward *that RDANSW accept the current draft constitution and vote yes at the next RDA of Australia Annual General Meeting being held in November 2005.*

This Motion was LOST

This left RDANSW no alternative but to put actions in motion to retire from RDA of Australia as from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2006 and operate as an independent body from this date. This decision was not taken lightly by the State Council. All options and the ramifications were considered before voting took place.

The Rationale for the State Council taking this action was to:

- Safeguard the Finances of our Centres and the State.
- Ensure the right of centres to continue to operate as they are now
- Ensure RDANSW Centres have a say which reflects our position Nationally.
- To ensure the ongoing right to use the name RDANSW for all our centres.

Volunteers, coaches, riders and their families can be assured that RDANSW Centre operations will continue as normal after 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2006.

Please find attached the reasons why the RDANSW State Council voted against the motion.

Yours in RDA,

*Margaret Norman*  
Hon. President/Executive Officer  
On behalf of the State Council of  
RDA(NSW)