Circular 021:08:13

To: All members

From: Paul Shannon - General Manager, Government and Industry Relations

Date: 14 August 3013

Subject: Surf Life Saving Members and Political Campaigns

Action: Members are reminded of SLSA policies of being non-political and non-sectarian, and of not wearing patrol uniform outside of official Surf Life Saving duties

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A reminder to all members with the Federal Election announced for Saturday, 7 September 2013, that SLSA has a policy of being strictly non-political and non-sectarian:

“**No Individual Member of SLSA (as such a member) shall:**

i) represent SLSA publicly in any political gathering or meeting unless it is to further the Objectives of SLSA and is endorsed by the relevant managerial section of SLSA; or

ii) in any publication or on television, film or radio or like production or in any other manner express an opinion or belief which supports or tends to support or discredits or tends to discredit any political or religious party, activity or belief based on individual beliefs or on issues that do not relate to furthering the Objectives of SLSA.”

In addition, use of the Surf Life Saving patrol uniform to promote political campaigns is a breach of the SLSA uniform policy:

“**Any items of the SLSA patrol uniform shall ONLY be worn while on patrol duty or when attending official surf lifesaving functions and community education activities such as media promotions of surf lifesaving.”**

If a club does get involved with an announcement or campaign, they are to wear club colours only.

For further information, see SLSA policies:

SLSA Policy 1.5 – Patrol Uniform
SLSA Policy 6.25 Policy statement Non-Political and Non-Sectarian