**POSITION STATEMENT**

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**Introduction**

SLS Supporters Clubs have become integral components of Surf Life Saving, providing essential social, financial, and community benefits. This position statement aims to underline the significance of these clubs and clarify their operations in conjunction with Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ).

**Background**

The emergence of SLS Supporters Clubs stems from historical legislative reasons, now recognized as a vital model due to the distinct skill sets required by management committees and the protection it offers to Surf Life Saving Clubs.

The Benefits of SLS Supporters Clubs

* Provide social, entertainment, and revenue-generating facilities.
* Vital source of revenue for improving surf lifesaving clubs and services.
* Engage diverse community members in supporting Surf Life Saving.
* Enhance Surf Life Saving's presence in the tourism industry, enriching beach experiences.

Licenced Club Operations

* Surf Life Saving Clubs may undertake liquor sales with appropriate permits.
* Only SLS Supporters Clubs may hold specific liquor licences.
* Gaming activities are permitted for SLS Supporters Clubs under regulatory compliance.

Recognition as a Surf Life Saving (SLS) Supporters Club

* Must be a separate incorporated association adhering to SLSQ's guidelines.
* Constitution and by-laws must align with Surf Life Saving objectives.
* Affiliation with respective Surf Life Saving Clubs is essential.

Size & Scope of Operations

* Varies based on location, demographics, and community needs.
* Operations should not compromise surf lifesaving services and facilities.

Surf Life Saving Imagery (Brand)

* SLS Supporters Clubs must uphold positive reputation and values, using imagery responsibly.

Fundraising, Promotions, and Profit Distribution:

* Funds raised should support Surf Life Saving objectives.
* Majority of profits must benefit respective Surf Life Saving Clubs.

Retained Earnings:

* Clubs should maintain reserves for operational and statutory obligations.
* Excessive transfers of cash can jeopardize financial viability.

**Implications/Consequences**

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may lead to operational challenges, reputational damage, and legal ramifications.

**Recommendations/Call to Action:**

Surf Life Saving Clubs and SLS Supporters Clubs are urged to align their operations with the outlined policies, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements and fostering the continued success of Surf Life Saving initiatives.

They are also required to have a memorandum of understanding that details the Clubs and Supporters Clubs Responsibilities and fundings allocations.

**Conclusion**

SLS Supporters Clubs play a crucial role in advancing Surf Life Saving objectives. By upholding the principles outlined in this position statement, we can strengthen our collective efforts in promoting beach safety and community engagement.