

Modification Proposal 0623

Governance Arrangements for Alternatives to Self-Governance Modification Proposals



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Why change?



- Where there are SG modifications with alternatives, the current rules could mean that none obtain a panel majority and therefore none are implemented. It seems reasonable to ensure that the governance arrangements enable change and reconsideration where there is initially no panel majority rather than the process ending at that point.
- We are also taking the opportunity to clarify the governance where a modification proposal and its alternative satisfy different governance criteria (“mixed modifications”).

Options



- Do nothing, though this means that there is a risk that SG modifications with alternatives are not implemented.
- Raise a modification proposal to reduce the risk of a SG alternative deadlock (SAD) occurring.

Solution



- Proposes new arrangements to reduce risk of SAD event, note the proposals do not remove possibility of this occurring. Appendix gives examples of how new rules would work.
- Proposes a solution for “mixed modifications”.
- Does not intend to amend appeal process.
- Relies on interpretation of Modification Rules that terms are generic.

Recommended Steps



- The Proposer recommends that this modification should be:
 - Not subject to self-governance.
 - Sent to workgroup for 4 months with report to November panel if workgroups held early in month.