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To: Club Chairs, Club Lifesaving Committees and Local Lifesaving Committees

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Subject: Policy review consultation timetable - update

What are we doing?

Following "MEMO 3-4-18 Policy update". SLSNZ is now providing an update on the review process and timings for a number of these policies. See the [Lifesaving Policies](#) page on the SLSNZ website for all current policies.

Why are we doing it?

The National Lifesaving Committee (NLC) has recommended that over a period of time these policies go out to the membership for further consultation. The timetable aims to provide a transparent consultation process with reasonable timeframes and advance notice on the lifesaving policy reviews or decisions that materially affect club operations or finances.

The policies and timelines where we are seeking this consultation are shown below, together with some narrative around those changes.

2018

Policy No	Title	Change	Consultation starts	Consultation end	Policy Live Date
SLS031	Helmet use in Lifeguard operations	Now compulsory in all situations	Sept 18	Oct 18	Oct 18
SLS022	Tsunami Response	Updated to match the Civil Defence SOP's	Oct 18	Nov 18	Nov 18
SLS033	ATV LUV	Updated to match LTSA requirements	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19
SLZ032	Lifesaving around rocks	New Policy	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18

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SLS038	Use and Crewing of Inflatable Rescue Boats (IRB)	New Policy	Nov 18	Feb 19	Jul 19
SLS028	Sun Smart	Addition of the use of shelters for guards on the beach	Nov 18	Apr 19	Jul 19
SLS009	Lifeguard uniform	Swapping out of the Cap hats replaced with wide brim and bucket hats	Dec 18	Mar 19	Jul 19
SLS030	Use of Rescue Water Craft (RWC)	Addition of requirements for the clubs to apply to operate the RWC	Feb 19	May 19	Jul 19
SLS026	Min. equip for SAR	Addition to the use of PLB in offshore and night work	Feb 19	Jun 19	Jul 19
SLS029	Breaching patrol standards	More descriptive explanations applied to cover all work modern lifeguarding involves.	Mar 19	Jun 19	Jul 19

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What happens next?

At the beginning of the consultation process for each policy, SLSNZ will communicate to clubs, members and other stakeholders what the proposed changes to the policy will be, and the timeframe and process for feedback. Each policy will be managed separately.

If there are any question on this please let me know.

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Appendix: Explanation of Amber and Red Consultation Processes

The policies that the NLC wish to change are highlighted as 'red' or 'amber' according to the new Member Consultation Policy. These are explained in the table below;

Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk that some clubs or sections of the movement will view themselves as negatively impacted. • Will take some effort and resources for clubs to implement. • Potentially controversial/ polarising topic. • Will add more than minor additional costs to clubs/ members. 	<p>Single stage club consultation:</p> <p>'This is what we are thinking of doing – do you agree?'</p> <p>SLSNZ to take into account club feedback when making the decision, and then advise clubs/ members</p>
Red	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectation that majority of clubs or large sections of the movement will have significant interest in topic and/or see themselves as negatively impacted. • If potential decision outcomes implemented (quickly) they could create problems for clubs. • Known to be a controversial/ polarising topic. • Will add significant financial cost to clubs/ members. 	<p>Two stage club consultation:</p> <p>Stage 1: 'This is what we are thinking about – what are your views?'</p> <p>Stage 2: 'This is the feedback we received from you. On this basis this is what are planning to do – do you agree?'</p> <p>SLSNZ to take into account club feedback when making the decision, and then advise clubs/ members.</p>

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