



## Body Corporates – How to Properly Deliver Notice to Owners, of an Owners' Meeting

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With the advent of email, the question arises in sectional title schemes, as to the proper way for a Body Corporate to give notice of an owners meeting. Is only emailing the notice to owners sufficient? What does the Sectional Titles Schemes Management Act, 2011 (STSMA) say? ...

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## Understand and Appreciate the Extent and Impact of your Powers – a Lesson and Reminder for Trustees

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In Marvel's Spider-Man comic series Uncle Ben teaches Peter Parker that with great power comes great responsibility. This saying has become a cliché in many quarters. But the lesson also rings true for the power that trustees of bodies corporate wield in sectional titles schemes.

In BAE Estates and Escapes (Pty) Ltd v The Trustees for the time being of the Legacy Body Corporate and Pam Golding Property Management Services (Pty) Ltd[1] (the Legacy case), Judge Bozalek delivered a judgment which reviewed and set aside a trustee resolution.[2] It is not the first time, nor will it be the last time, that a trustee resolution is overturned and dismissed by a court.

The trustee resolution in the *Legacy* case, was reviewed and set aside on the basis that it was administrative action, and was unlawful, unreasonable, and not rationally connected to the purpose for which it was taken or to the information before the body corporate.[3] The judge further held that irrelevant considerations were taken into account or relevant considerations were not taken into account.[4] Moreover, the trustee resolution was taken in a procedurally unfair manner in that the affected parties were neither heard nor consulted prior to the decision being taken.[5]

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