



Communiqué No 9:

Network registration as a Company Limited by Guarantee.

Since inception in 2002, the Network's finances have been administrated by the Australian Medical Association (AMA). We have been very grateful to the AMA for this continuing support.

In 2014 the governance of the AMA was substantially changed with the creation of a smaller Board of 11 to provide strategic guidance to the AMA and oversight of the financial management of the AMA Group.

On 25th June, 2015 the AMA Secretary General Ms Anne Trimmer wrote to the Network Chair Ms Janne McMahon raising the need for the Network to formalise its legal status given that any contracts entered into carried risks in the absence of any legal entity. Ms Trimmer's strong recommendation was that the Network take steps to incorporate either as a company or an incorporated association.

Further enquiries including legal advice since, recommended that as a national organisation, the most appropriate form of incorporation would be as a Company Limited by Guarantee. Steps were taken to register the Network.

We are pleased to advise that the Network received Registration as of 23rd June, 2016 as a company limited by guarantee and as a public company. We will be applying for Deductible Gift Recipient status (DRG) in the coming months.

We are now known as the:

Private Mental Health Consumer Carer Network (Australia) Limited.

Previous Network members will be known as Network Friends. We wish to recognise and thank everyone for their ongoing support since 2002 and please be assured that the Network will continue to keep working hard to represent the issues, needs and concerns of mental health consumers and carers just as we have done over the last 14 years.

The incorporation provides the Network with better autonomy to continue these activities going forward.

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