

NATIONALISATION

Dear Member

For several years ACORN and the State Groups and Territories, including PNAQ Inc., have planned to progress Nationalisation in accordance with member's wishes. PNAQ Inc. has supported this move for a couple of years.

At the last ACORN AGM May 2007 in Canberra, our ACORN Accountant put several options/pathways to the States and Territories. They were:

Pathway 1 – An agent to collect membership fees

- Act only to manage the national membership database, invoice and collect membership fees for all or any States for a transaction fee.
- Governance, management, finance, compliance, liability and risk rests with the State.

Pathway 2 – Limited financial and administration

- Manage the national membership database, invoice and collect state membership fees, conduct administrative and limited promotional activities as requested and agreed by ACORN for any or all States for a transaction fee.
- Governance and compliance liability rests with the State.
- Operational risk rests with the State.

Pathway 3 – Full financial, administration, compliance and promotion responsibility

- All transactions, communications, publicity and promotions, financial reporting, etc. are managed by ACORN Ltd in association with and by agreement with the State.
- Governance and management rests with the State.
- Compliance liability rests with ACORN Ltd.
- Reverse capitation percentage on annual membership fee (limits operational cost risk) or a transaction fee (full cost exposure).

Pathway 4 – ACORN Ltd acquires the assets and liabilities of a State but the State governs its members under a mutually agreed financial budget and national administration rules.

- The current independent registered entity ceases to exist.
- A State Branch operation is created.
- Transactions, communications, publicity and promotions, financial reporting, etc. are managed by ACORN Ltd in association with the Branch through a State Council.
- Governance primarily rests with ACORN Ltd who works collaboratively with the State Branch.
- All liability and risk rests with ACORN Ltd.
- Reverse capitation for an approved State Branch operational budget.
- ACORN Articles of Association require amendment.

All members are asked to consider each pathway in preparation to register their vote at some time in the near future.

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Thankyou

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