



MEDIA STATEMENT

ACNC Notice of Directions Order - RSL National Board

The Report of the Inquiry under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, released earlier this week into the Returned and Services League of Australia (New South Wales), RSL Welfare and Benevolent Institution and RSL LifeCare Limited has further highlighted the necessity for the Returned and Services League (RSL) to review and transform internal governance and compliance policies and processes in some areas of the organisation.

The investigation instigated by RSL National into the conduct of RSL NSW commenced in October 2016. The evidence and findings from this extensive investigation led to the establishment of the Interim RSL NSW State Council and supported the evidence presented to the recent Inquiry.

To ensure the RSL is meeting all governance and compliance standards from a national perspective, the ACNC has issued a Notice of Directions Order to the Directors on the RSL National Board.

The Notice of Directions Order includes a review of the current governance and compliance arrangements and financial management policies that underpin the RSL National Board. The review will be conducted by an Independent Governance Expert who specialises in not-for-profit governance and compliance arrangements.

It is expected that the review will take up to four months to complete. The ACNC will be overseeing the progress of the review and closely monitoring the project milestones as they are being facilitated by the independent governance expert in collaboration with the RSL National CEO.

On completion, the review will deliver a comprehensive action plan for the Directors on the Board of RSL National that are necessary to meet all of the ACNC's Regulations under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Consequential and Transitional) Act 2012.

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