



29 August 2017

Mr Mark Fitt
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Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Dear Mr Fitt,

Re: Inquiry into the Corporations Amendment (Modernisation of Members Registration) Bill 2017 – Response to Gerald Jaworski’s submissions to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee dated 10 August 2017

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (**CA ANZ**) refers to your letter to Mr Rick Ellis dated 22 August 2017, which enclosed a copy of Mr Gerald Jaworski’s submissions made to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee (**SELC**) in a letter dated 10 August 2017 (the **Submissions**).

We thank the Committee for the invitation to respond on the matters outlined in the Submission and outline our response, as relevant, below.

CA ANZ is an open and transparent professional body. It encourages discourse with, and between, members concerning the management and objects of CA ANZ. CA ANZ rejects Mr Jaworski’s assertion that CA ANZ does not uphold values of transparency and full disclosure, or that members receive misleading communications, stonewalling and denial.

CA ANZ would ask the Committee to reflect upon whether there is any need for the Committee to publish those parts of Mr Jaworski’s submission that are personally critical of Mr Ellis given their lack of relevance to the Committee’s inquiry.

The Submissions make a number of allegations which reflect adversely on CA ANZ and we would like to take the opportunity to respond, as follows:

1. Allegation of misleading disclosures by the CA ANZ Board to members in relation to the appointment of its new CEO

- a) Mr Jaworski’s submissions (both to CA ANZ and to the Committee) contain personal attacks in respect of Mr Ellis’ character, age and competence. CA ANZ does not believe such attacks advance the debate in relation to Mr Ellis’ appointment or the Bill. CA ANZ does not intend to respond to these.
- b) CA ANZ advised its members of the appointment of Mr Rick Ellis as CEO on 17 May 2017. All statements in the member communication were factually accurate and CA ANZ did not make any ‘misleading disclosures’ regarding Mr Ellis’ appointment.

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- c) Since May 2017, CA ANZ has received various correspondence from Mr Jaworski. CA ANZ staff have, on multiple occasions endeavoured to respond to Mr Jaworski's queries. On Thursday 24 August, a senior member of the CA ANZ leadership team spent more than an hour on the phone to Mr Jaworski, in the attempt to resolve some of his concerns, with an email following to clarify details discussed.
- d) CA ANZ cannot comment on matters relating to Te Papa.

2. Allegation that CA ANZ deliberately hides benefits from members under its member benefits programme

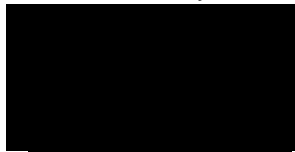
All member benefits are publicly available on CA ANZ's website, at the following link:
<https://www.charteredaccountantsanz.com/member-services/member-benefits>.

3. Allegation that CA ANZ hides the availability of significant fee concessions from members

Information regarding concession rates for members is publicly available on CA ANZ's website, at the following link: <https://www.charteredaccountantsanz.com/member-services/manage-your-membership/renew-your-membership>

Please note that CA ANZ has responded to Mr Jaworski directly in relation to his concerns and will not burden the Committee with additional material in circumstances where it does not appear to be relevant to the Committee's present inquiry.

Yours sincerely



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