



Statement

LG Professionals Australia confirms its continued support for Ricki Bruhn as its National President, 2017-18

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LG Professionals Australia has confirmed that Ricki Bruhn will remain as the federation's national president with the full backing of the Board. In September, Ricki resigned as CEO of the City of Palmerston after 7 years in the position and 37 years working in local government and is seeking to continue his local government career.

Ricki's decision to resign from his role at Palmerston will actually work to the federation's advantage by enabling him to dedicate more time to the important role of national president. Ricki can now fully leverage his long local government career and extensive networks to pursue his goals for the organisation. This will be particularly true for our international programs', said Lauren Oakey, CEO of LG Professionals Australia.

'LG Professionals Australia focuses on strengthening and working with local institutions and local government professionals in Australia, while building networks and running programs with local government organisations and other partners around the world. This is important work, and I am pleased to be continuing as the national president at such an exciting time for the federation', said Ricki.

Ricki's goals for his presidency in 2017-2018 are to:

- Grow our international presence and programs;
- Further strengthen stakeholder engagement with the Federal Government;
- Design and adopt a rate-capping position statement and advocate to that end; and
- Work towards developing a national digital strategy for local government.

About LG Professionals Australia

LG Professionals Australia is a federation with offices in NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA, and a national office based in Canberra. Our members learn from and gain experience by taking part in our programs and opportunities, designed to challenge local government professionals to stretch themselves and support each other; broadening their perspective on the possibilities and building networks and collaborations with like-minded peers.

We are part of an international network that shares expertise and best practice to create the processes and networks to build and foster good local governance, better service delivery and strong, inclusive communities. Via our international programs, members gain experience in a wider context, test their expertise while extending their skills, and create and influence projects from the

ground up. They contribute their knowledge and expertise, to make a real and practical difference to communities in Australia and around the world.

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