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## **LCA representatives on the National Aged Care Alliance**

### **Background**

The Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA), through the former Board for Lutheran Aged Care Australia and now the Committee for Ministry with the Ageing (CMA), has been a member of the National Aged Care Alliance (NACA) since NACA began.

The CMA considers it a privilege that the LCA is a full member of NACA. As a full NACA member, the LCA is entitled to up to two representatives.

NACA is a forum that brings together representatives of approximately 70 national organisations dedicated to the improvement of aged care services in Australia. Membership is drawn from aged care providers, consumers, professional bodies and unions. It meets four times each year in either Melbourne, Canberra or Adelaide for two days on each occasion. In recent years, NACA has been instrumental in shaping Government policy about aged care and is the main conduit for information exchange between the industry and the Government/Department of Health.

LCA representatives speak on behalf of all Lutheran aged care facilities and represent the LCA, not their own service or District.

The CMA, through levies from facilities, funds the LCA's NACA representatives. The CMA Terms of Reference state (7. Responsibility):

Members of the Committee, who are engaging with external stakeholders on behalf of the LCA and its aged care facilities, shall report on their communications to the Executive Officer of the LCA.

Therefore, the LCA representatives report to the Church through the Executive Officer of the Church Peter Schirmer.

### **LCA representation on NACA**

LCA representatives on NACA serve for a synodical period (three years). Therefore, the LCA representatives on NACA will be appointed until 31 Dec 2021. The representatives may be re-appointed at the end of a synodical period upon mutual agreement of the rep and the CMA. Note that Wendy Rocks was reappointed at the CMA meeting of 6 July 2018.

### **For information (from the NACA website)**

2019 NACA Meeting dates:

- o 14 & 15 February 2019 | Canberra
- o 16 & 17 May 2019 | Melbourne
- o 15 & 16 August 2019 | Canberra
- o 14 & 15 November 2019 | Adelaide

## Criteria for selection

- Current knowledge of, and expertise in, the aged care industry commensurate with the nature and responsibilities of NACA
- Understanding of Lutheran theology that underpins the provision of Aged Care services
- Capable of advocating effectively for LCA policies and priorities, including in situations where other NACA members may not support them
- Capable of building positive relationships across the full NACA membership
- Ability to prepare for and attend NACA meetings as the LCA representative, as well as a willingness to attend CMA meetings (or other appropriate LCA body) as required
- Ability to think strategically, to analyse contexts, opportunities and threats, and assess ideas and activities
- Sufficient knowledge of the governance responsibilities of aged care facilities, and of the LCA, to contribute meaningfully to discussions
- Able to report back to facilities and CMA (or other appropriate LCA body) in a timely manner by providing a report in a form as required
- Ability to represent all Lutheran aged care facilities including rural and regional facilities
- Ability to consult in regard to issues relating to Lutheran Aged Care facilities
- Excellent communication skills
- Other personal qualities, identified by NACA, as crucial to its effectiveness including an optimistic approach, being capable of seeing opportunities, respecting others' rights to different points of view, and the valuing of consensus where possible.\*

\*from NACA Orientation Book, Appendix 3: Interaction Rules

LCA representation on NACA is to be skills based, with reference to gender balance and geographic location.