

Dear PMI WA-Chapter Members:

Todd Hutchison, Chair of the Australian PMI Council (APC¹), addressed all Australian PMI Members in his preliminary notice (May 2008) of the willingness of all Australian PMI Chapters to investigate the set-up of a national PMI Australia Chapter.

Your Board, and the APC, are now investigating the potential to move towards creating a national Australian PMI Chapter in more detail. The options for the structure of this body are in the process of being appraised, with the most logical being the creation of a National Chapter with the existing Australia PMI State Chapters becoming Australia PMI Branches; that is, we would adopt the "Chapter and Branch" Model, which is one of the governance models sanctioned and endorsed by PMI Global.

Your Board is committed to making this a transparent and inclusive process with **full engagement and consultation with you, our Members**. A Project Team has been formed and the Charter has been approved so that a Feasibility Study and Business Plan can commence.

Briefly, the main advantages of an Australian PMI organisation are:

- To allow us to speak as a national entity to government and corporate Australia;
- To enable us to speak as a national entity to the Australia media;
- To enable us to seek, and benefit from, National sponsorship;
- To enable us to review, support and finance speakers on a national basis;
- To enable us consolidate key strategic and operational functions at a national level, such as marketing and Certification training; and,
- To enable us to leverage economies of scale in administration and support operations, reducing overall costs to the Chapters.

The process is expected to take some 12- to 18-months and will involve:

- Approval of the Project Charter by the APC Committee – 12 July 2008 – completed;
- Endorsement of the Project Charter by the WA Board – 11 August 2008 – completed;
- Submission of the Feasibility Study;
- Approval of Project Execution Plan by APC Committee, GOC, existing PMI Chapters and Members;
- "Charter" of the Australian National Chapter;
- Form the Australia Branches; and,
- Dissolve all existing Australia PMI State Chapters.

Members will be kept informed by the following methods:

- Progressive emails to members to provide periodic updates of developments;
- Articles in the WA-Chapter Newsletter to provide information on specific aspects of the concept;
- Information on the Australian PMI Chapter's website <http://www.pmichapters-australia.org.au/home.asp> with a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) Section included;
- Short briefing sessions at WA-Chapter evening Member's meetings;
- Distribution, via email, of proposed Bylaw amendments, and/or required Votes in accordance with our Bylaws – this to have the specific wording provided, as well as the pros and cons articulated;
- Formal meetings to debate Motions as required; and,
- Electronic, or in-person, votes on proposed Motions

Alternatively you can contact any of the WA representatives on the Australian PMI National Chapter Project:

- Marshall Fox at mfox@apt-systems.com
- Jim Lyon at JimLyon@PMSolutions.com.au
- Ian Jones ian.jones@aapt.net.au

Kind regards,

Steve Meintjes, PMP
President
PMI WA-Chapter

¹ The APC is the Australian Chapter's peak body and consists of the Australian PMI Chapter Presidents