

National Licensing Reform Update

NCTI Representative Appointed to the Property Agents Interim Advisory Committee (IAC)

On Friday, 6 November 2009 NCTI was advised by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, that NCTI Executive Officer, Bernie Galletti has been appointed to be a member of the Interim Advisory Council (IAC).

The IAC will provide advice to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) National Licensing Taskforce in the lead up to the establishment of the National Occupational Licensing Authority. The first meeting of the Property Agents IAC is scheduled for 17 November 2009.

"The outcome of this first meeting will contribute to COAG's next full meeting to be held in Brisbane on 7 December hence we are very interested in meeting stakeholders of the property sector and work with them for a national licensing system," Mr Galletti said.

Bernie Galletti said that the appointment and involvement is a significant milestone toward the implementation of the national licensing system (NLS).

"It promotes NCTI and its commitment to formal training, as the preeminent national industry association representing Strata and Community Title Managers and we are very excited to get involved and represent our members," Mr Galletti said.

The IAC is comprised of 12 representatives from the various property related sectors such as the Real Estate Institute of Australia, Shopping Centre Council of Australia, Consumers' Federation of Australia, the Australian Livestock and Property Agents Association, various State Government Departments representing licensing jurisdictions across Australia and representatives of the Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council.

The COAG National Licensing Steering Committee has also advised that the Exposure Draft of the NLS will be released for public consultation this month and that submissions will be accepted until 28 December 2009.

Mr Galletti said that this is a historic appointment for NCTI as the representative for our state affiliates to this most important national committee and over the coming month's advice from state representatives will be required to assist in this process. "Your co-operation and support is appreciated," he said.

More information will be provided to each of the NCTI State Affiliates as the meeting's deliberations progress.

Mr Galletti was responsible for the drafting, development and successful implementation of the strata and community title course national accreditation through VETEC in 2007.