

## **Administrator's Message to Link-Up (Qld) Members, Clients and Other Stakeholders**

I wish to advise my administration of Link-Up (Qld) is now in its final stages; the company has been returned to a sound financial footing, it is again operationally viable, services have been expanded and several new staff appointments have been made. Link-Up (Qld) is now structured to service the needs of all Queensland stakeholders, rather than as previously, only Brisbane-based members.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 499-5 of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, I have appointed the inaugural Board of Directors, to serve out the first term of office which, for half the Board, will be a two year term. The names and details of the seven Directors are posted on the Link-Up (Qld) website. I formalised their appointment at the first Board Meeting held 24 January 2008, having received their formal Consents to Act.

I anticipate my retirement as Administrator will be ordered by the Registrar as at 18 April 2008, after which time your new Directors will assume full responsibility for the control and operations of Link-Up (Qld). You will also be aware that at a Special General Meeting held 16 November 2007, members approved a new Constitution for the company, which received the Registrar's formal consent on 24 December 2007. This Constitution, which is now in force and which binds all members and directors, can be accessed via the Link-Up (Qld) website ([www.link-upqld.org.au](http://www.link-upqld.org.au)).

The new Board of Directors will in due course call an Annual General Meeting for the 2008 financial year and will hold a half-board election in accordance with Rule 8.7, 8.6, 8.4, 8.2 and 7.1. In particular, the Constitution prescribes a strict eligibility criteria for nomination/appointment as director (Rule 8.2.1) and for the process of election (Rule 8.4). Only 'active' members as defined in the Dictionary attached to the Constitution, can participate in the nominating process, although all members enrolled at the time of calling for nominations may participate in the election voting process. I have approved specific procedures for conducting the Board elections and director nomination processes, which will assure a fair and impartial election of qualifying directors for all elections.

Members who are in dispute with either the company, the Constitution or the Directors must adopt and follow the dispute resolution process prescribed in Rule 17.

I urge all members, clients and other interested parties to visit and make regular use of, the Link-Up (Qld) website; ([www.link-upqld.org.au](http://www.link-upqld.org.au)) it is now the company's principal information portal, containing notices, forms, items of interest, staff profiles, the Constitution, financial information and links to legislation and the Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations. In closing, I wish to express my great appreciation of the invaluable assistance afforded me by all Link-Up (Qld) staff, but especially that of Delma Roe, who I have appointed Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary. I am confident that Delma, together with the new Directors, will capably and effectively drive the company forward in meeting the needs of all members and clients. I wish them every success.

Barry Jameson  
Administrator  
24 January, 2008