

Letters Sent to Australian Community Members

First Letter

The following letter was sent on 2017-01-22 via the contact assurers form. The **bold** parts were only sent to residents of New South Wales, because only those qualify for public officer.

Dear (Firstname added to each)

As a member of the CAcert community, you probably know that our infrastructure is run by an Association, CAcert Inc.

CAcert was originally formed in Australia and the Association is still based in New South Wales for legal reasons.

Unfortunately, some years ago, in New South Wales, the laws changed and now CAcert Inc, the infrastructure part of CAcert, like all such organisations, is required to always have three people (of seven) in the managing committee, the Board, that are resident in Australia - even if only 2our members are Australians.

The committee, or Board, elected at the recent Annual General Meeting, AGM, of Association members on Sunday, December 18th 2016, is not complete at the moment. The Board still requires the presence of three members who are currently resident in Australia **and a Public officer, resident in New South Wales**. These can be people who wish to be active in the Board or who just accept that their names be listed as Board members, helping in this way to avoid issues with the New South Wales Office of Fair Trading (OFT). While we would prefer that you be active Board members, at the very least we need your willingness to allow your name to be listed as a Board member.

During that AGM, the Board was also ordered to begin the process of terminating the New South Wales, Australia-based association and to give the CAcert community a new home, elsewhere in the world, where it can prosper and grow in the future.

As an Australian resident:

Are you ready to stand up and help in any way? Many Teams are begging for help.

Are you willing to join the Board as a member purely for statutory requirements? (no time needed) Are you willing to join the Board as an active participant? (some time needed)

As a New South Wales resident:

Would you be willing to be the local contact person for the OFT? (expenditure of time is low)

Can you give CAcert a hand? If so, please write to the Secretary at secretary@cacert.org stating whether or not you are already a member of the Association, giving your name and postal address, and what role you would like to play in the Association's future. (Members of the Association pay a membership fee of about A\$ 15 per annum (€ 10), but if that is the only impediment to your participation, include that in your e-mail message to the Secretary. There may be a way of assisting you.)

I wish you a wonderful New Year filled with abundance, joy, and treasured moments. May 2017 be your best year yet!

Etienne Ruedin, Secretary (eruedin@cacert.org)

Dirk Astrath, President (dirk@cacert.org)

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Number of Letters Sent

People known to not accept a position were left out.

State	#
Queensland	15
Capital territory	13
Victoria	23
Tasmania	2
Western Australia	4
Southern Australia	4
New South Wales	38
Grand Total	99

Second Letter

Sent on 2017-02-14

Well, maybe it's actually the third letter, as a short reception notice was sent as reply.

Variant with indicated available time

Dear

I contactet you as member of the CAcert community and asked you, if you are willing to help CAcert Inc., the New South Wales based association that is the legal entity for the community. In the last years, CAcert Inc. was allways in trouble to found sufficent Australian residents to fullfill the legal requirement of (at least) three Australians. Well, former committees asked always the small group of association members and never the community...

So it was for us a nice surprise read your answer and from some others. As sometimes community members ask for more transparence, the committee suggest the following procedure:

- you present you at cacert-board@lists.cacert.org (just in short) and write, how you could contribute to the committee (or to the community in general). The list is hosted here: <https://lists.cacert.org/wws/arc/cacert-board>
- at the same place cacert-board@lists.cacert.org we can discuss general questions.
- Please note: this is a public list with about 180 readers from the CAcert community. For private data or personal questions, please write to secretary@cacert.org - address that points to the secretary's office (secretary and treasurer).
- The committee is expected to decide early March.

It was rather by chance that the board of directors at the time met for meetings on Wednesday evening (European time) 20-22(.30) UTC / Thursday morning (Sydney) 7-9(.30) AEDT. These meetings take place as chat on IRC. We have already planned to prepare suitable tasks in pairs, in order to shorten the meetings. Of course, it is nice if you can participate in the

meetings on a regular basis. However, we live on three different continents, have spouses, children, a job - CAcert can not always be in the first place.

I would like to hear from you again and remain with
kind regards

Etienne Ruedin

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Variant with indicated lack of time

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So it was for us a nice surprise to read your answer and from some others. You have indicated that your time is limited and that you would only join the board for the sake of form. This is absolutely fine. We didn't ask for more. There are, however, other members of the community who also wish to participate actively in the work of the Board. I think you understand that we first came into close contact with these. I will keep you up-to-date and tell you in March if we need to return to your offer.

Best regards

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Variant with indicated availability as PO

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So it was for us a nice surprise read your answer and from some others. For this reason we can probabely separate the tasks of the PO and the committee.

As sometimes community members ask for more transparence, the committee suggest the following procedure:

- you present you as a possible new Public Officer at cacert-board@lists.cacert.org (just in short) and write, how you could contribute to the committee (or to the community in general). The list is hosted here: <https://lists.cacert.org/www/arc/cacert-board>
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