



Follow up on Investigation of Fake Membership

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Dear, Chiranjebi Devkota

KBC News Australia,

As clearly communicated in our earlier exchanges, the membership issue raised during the election period was identified, addressed, and rectified immediately at the time it was flagged. There was no attempt to conceal, delay, or ignore the matter. In community-based volunteer organisations such as NRNA Australia, the appropriate response to any procedural lapse is not prolonged dispute, but immediate rectification, strengthening of controls, documenting lessons learned, and moving forward. That is precisely the course of action taken.

The matter was subsequently placed before the sovereign Annual General Meeting (AGM), which remains the highest decision-making authority within NRNA Australia. The AGM passed a resolution mandating enhanced verification, including a third-party post-verification mechanism following state-level approvals. The Committee formed under me has unanimously affirmed that no forum or committee supersedes the authority of the AGM. We have adopted and are actively implementing the motion passed, demonstrating clear institutional commitment to transparency and process improvement.

With respect to the approval process during the last tenure, it is important to place matters in proper context. During a period of significant external pressure arising from ICC-related conflicts, the NCC was heavily targeted with attempts to delay, postpone, or cancel the election. Operationally, membership verification fell squarely within the jurisdiction of the respective State Coordinators. While system access was technically available to the President and General Secretary, neither interfered in the approval process. As a contesting candidate, I deliberately removed myself from operational involvement to preserve propriety and ensure the election proceeded in accordance with schedule. Records clearly indicate that the referenced membership approvals originated from Victoria under the applicable state authority.

NRNA Australia is a volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organisation. Volunteers contribute hundreds of hours delivering festivals, community programs, and diaspora initiatives. Where an operational mistake occurs, it must be assessed proportionately. We neither possess forensic investigative infrastructure nor consider it appropriate to conduct punitive or character-assassination style inquiries against individuals who have served in good faith. The matter was identified, corrected, and systemic controls were

strengthened. From an organisational governance perspective, that is an appropriate and responsible outcome.

It is also concerning that, over recent months, myself, former office bearers, and numerous volunteers have been subjected to online harassment, personal abuse, and reputational attacks. Certain coordinated efforts have sought to defame individuals and initiate legal escalation. As you are aware, related matters have been indicated as being under review within the Victorian Supreme Court framework. Until there is formal judicial clarity on those issues, continued public speculation or repetitive correspondence on resolved internal processes serves no constructive purpose.

There has been no prolonged silence, no concealment, and no disregard for governance. The issue was handled, elevated to the AGM, resolved through democratic process, and reinforced through structural reform. Neither you nor I stand above the resolutions of the sovereign AGM. We are bound by it, and we have implemented it.

On a broader organisational note, there is no parallel or alternative NRNA entity recognised within Australia. The validity of the current Executive Committee is grounded in due process conducted at the AGM, local legislation, our trademark and long earned goodwill. If there are questions regarding governance legitimacy, the appropriate avenue is factual verification. As you consider yourself as an investigative journalist, it's worth reviewing the details such as:

- The date and conduct of the AGM
- The official notices issued
- Attendance and quorum records
- The resolutions passed
- The legal basis of committee authority

Such inquiry would provide clarity grounded in evidence rather than narrative. Given the long-standing professional and organisational engagement between NRNA Australia and yourself, including during your tenure with ANJA, the current tone and trajectory of your correspondence is disappointing. The delegate list remains under internal review in coordination with ICC-related matters, and once administrative processes are finalised, appropriate updates will be communicated directly to members.

At this stage, the matter has been resolved through proper organisational channels, endorsed by the AGM, and reinforced through structural reform. **There is no further internal review pending. In this past paced volunteer expectations and lot of things in-front of us, we do not intend to engage in continued repetitive discussion on this issue.** I trust this provides absolute clarity.

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