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From: Executive Director
Sent: Tuesday, 12 August 2008 3:09 p.m.
Subject: ADLS Council Response to Ian Haynes, Chris Darlow, Andrew Gilchrist and Chris Moore

Dear Colleagues,

A letter has been circulated by four Auckland practitioners who have strong links to NZLS with the intention of persuading ADLS members to vote against incorporation.

Inaccuracies in that letter require correction:

- It is not true to say the new Act provides for only one Law Society. The Act specifically provides for district law societies to incorporate and to continue to provide services to members. The One Society was not planned when the Act was passed.
- NZLS has withdrawn from its commitment that representative functions under the One Society would be managed from Auckland and has now engaged consultants to review all services and the location of delivery of services.
- Auckland practitioners will still have a representative on the NZLS Board and council. Incorporation will enable Auckland/Northland practitioners to have a separate voice if they wish.
- ADLS can survive as an independent incorporated society. Last year ADLS derived income of \$5.5M from its business activities. It will be free of all regulatory costs.
- Libraries can be dealt with in a variety of ways. NZLS has appointed a Law Libraries Board to establish a national law library. NZLS has power to levy all practitioners for the purpose of funding law libraries. If any libraries are to be funded that must include Auckland libraries. The alternative is that no libraries are to be funded in which case the future of all law libraries is in doubt.
- All suggestions by the ADLS council to mediate or discuss our differences with NZLS have been rejected or ignored.
- ADLS council strongly recommends incorporation.

For and on behalf of the Auckland District Law Society Council members:

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