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A Non-Regulatory Advance in Body Corporate Education by a New Co-operation Aimed in Support of Apartment, Unit Owners and Bodies Corporate

Strata Community Association New Zealand (SCANZ) and Body Corporate Chairs' Group Inc (BCCG) have together created new arrangements to enhance support and education for the body corporate sector in New Zealand.

SCANZ president and body corporate manager Joanne Barreto and BCCG Vice President (now President), Lyn Gillingham, have worked together over the last year to create a new support platform for BC Chairs and Committees in New Zealand. In a joint statement, they have said the \$50 billion body corporate sector in New Zealand is growing bigger and with a current significant lack of understanding of obligations on the part of some existing BC Chairs and Committee members, this problem is destined to grow exponentially with the expected growth from new apartment constructions unless efforts to address education are stepped up.

The new arrangements include:

- co-operation on the joint development of materials for educational and governance purposes, and
- an invitation for Body Corporate members of BCCG to join SCANZ, including access to SCANZ formal education courses, at member discounted rates and
- BCCG participation in an existing SCANZ Focus Group which is currently finalizing a new half-day course for the education of BC Chairs and Committees.

“In developing these arrangements, we acknowledge the work of 7 members across both organisations' who were drawn together by a common interest having all been part of the Hon Nikki Kaye's *Unit Titles Act Reform Working Group of 14.*”

“In effect, 50% of that Working Group have co-operated through SCANZ and BCCG to create a very significant non-regulatory advance in educational opportunities for those involved in or through a life-style change, will be involved in strata or body corporate living” said Lyn and Joanne.

“In regard to what we have influence over, we are looking forward to establishing a program that will encourage a rapid uptake of joint memberships that will enable those members to participate in the existing SCANZ programs, or in the courses under development” said Lyn and Joanne.

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About Strata Community Association (NZ)

Strata Community Association (NZ) is the peak industry body for Body Corporate and Community Title Management in New Zealand. Membership includes body corporate managers, support staff, committee members and suppliers of products and services to the industry. SCA (NZ) proudly fulfils the dual roles of a professional institute and consumer advocate for New Zealand’s \$50 billion strata property sector.

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About Body Corporate Chairs’ Group Incorporated

Body Corporate Chairs Group Inc is a voluntary organisation having objectives in support of Chairs and Committees involved in Bodies Corporate. BCCG represent body corporate chairs and others interested in promoting good BC governance. Information is shared to help members meet others with similar interests, so that skills and knowledge can be enhanced across the BC environment. BCCG promotes education for Chairs and Committee members, with a focus on good governance, use of best practice and for good community relations within BC.

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