



# Migration Alliance

Advancing common goals and securing common interests for migration agents

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Migration Alliance

The Migration Alliance (MA) - a collective of Australian Registered Migration Agents, was set up to address the need for a dynamic professional organisation and to protect the interests of RMAs and their clients through public, professional and political action.

The organization is owned by the membership.

Migration Alliance is dedicated to the defence and interests of Registered Migration Agents and is committed to:

- the highest ethical standards
- promotion of coherent and measured response to the Department of Immigration (DIAC) and to legislative change
- the relationship between migration agents and their clients

Migration Alliance will create a framework within which Registered Migration Agents will have the opportunities to cooperate and exchange ideas and to oversee the development of their individual practices and their profession.

Migration Alliance (MA) is a new organisation established on May 27 2009. MA currently offers:

- Free first membership of twelve months is free irrespective of date of joining renewal fees will be introduced July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.
- Online Forum for the membership only.
- Interactive and cohesive response to immigration and legislative changes.
- Defence of its membership through provision of Professional Indemnity insurance
  - with a defence component

Products offered through Migration Alliance are in no way tied to membership. They are simply independent commercial products offered to members of Migration Alliance. There is no obligation upon you to take up any product including CPD.

## **The creation of the organisation**

Two corporations provided the mechanism for the creation of the organisation designed for members and ultimately owned by the membership. Those corporations have no ongoing interests in the relationship between the organisation that is Migration Alliance and membership. That was simply a mechanism for the creation of an organisation out of thin air.

## **Rules**

The structure of the organisation will embrace what are called model rules under the Associations Incorporation Act of 1984, NSW.

**The name, Migration Alliance,** has been reserved for that purpose.

The decision as to whether the organisation will be incorporated under the Incorporations Act will be voted upon by the membership.

### **Management**

Until September 1<sup>st</sup>, there is a foundation Migration Alliance management committee of four members, including the Convener.

**Elections** with respect to all Migration Alliance management positions will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009

A decision will be taken from the membership on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 as to who will in effect be the Migration Alliance management Committee.

### **Fundamental and democratic organisation**

The Migration Alliance Management Committee will be an organisation which does not have a leader, but rather will be a fundamental and democratic organisation which will spread responsibility throughout the structure. The organization is a reflection of an "alliance" of members under a general framework of responsible and ethical practice.

### **Becoming a member**

If you're interested in joining Migration Alliance you may register through the link on the homepage [www.migrationalliance.com.au](http://www.migrationalliance.com.au)

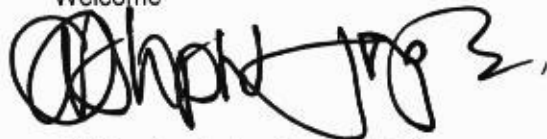
Importantly, membership of the Migration Alliance does not require you to give up membership of any other organisation. It is entirely a matter for you. Membership is free.

### **From the Convener**

**Dear Colleagues,**

If you want effective and responsible representation, join Migration Alliance and improve not only your profile but the profile of the profession generally. We are committed to ethical practice. We invite you to join.

Welcome



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***Uberrimae fidei – "in utmost good faith"***

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