



Victorian Association of
Maternal & Child Health Nurses
ANMF (Vic Branch)

VAMCHN MEMBERS MEETING 13 AUGUST 2019

RESOLUTION

This meeting of VAMCHN members resolves as follows:

1. To note the further update from the authorised nominated representatives of VAMCHN to MCAFHNA regarding matters currently before MCAFHNA.
2. To express our concern and disappointment regarding the proposed restructure of MCAFHNA as envisaged within the *MCAFHNA Discussion Paper: Possible Restructure of MCAFHNA from a federation to a single entity body* 7 May 2019 ('the Restructure Proposal').
3. To advise that the Restructure Proposal is not in the interests of VAMCHN members, MCAFHNA and/or maternal and child health nurses (however titled) across Australia, noting it would result in:
 - a) 'Winding up' of existing state and territory groups (excepting VAMCHN);
 - b) Reduced strategic and operational autonomy for existing state and territory groups including VAMCHN with 'state and territory committees (reduced to having only) delegated authority';
 - c) Reduced financial autonomy and decision making regarding the use of funds with the proposed role of each state and territory group limited to 'giving suggestions on the plans and budgets for a restructured entity';
 - d) Reduced engagement, input and involvement of MCH nurses at the local level;
 - e) A cessation in promoting state and territory interests with MCAFHNA required to make decisions on the 'overall interests' rather than 'sectional or geographic interests';
 - f) Erosion of the MCAFHNA Brand.
4. To express concern that the Restructure Proposal fails to:
 - g) Address a scenario in which there is a conflict between the different interests of state and territory groups;
 - h) Address the implications of the Restructure Proposal on existing VAMCHN members, the authorised nominated representatives of VAMCHN to MCAFHNA and the related Victorian associate members of MCAFHNA;
5. To call upon MCAFHNA to address the concerns of existing VAMCHN members and the related associate members of MCAFHNA as communicated by the VAMCHN authorised nominated representatives.
6. To collaborate constructively with authorised nominated representatives to resolve the existing dispute and to ensure MCAFHNA can effectively represent the interests of MCH nurses in each state and territory and prioritise activities and spending towards strategies and initiatives which support MCH nurses across Australia.
7. To request a further update of VAMCHN members as appropriate.

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