



Medicinal Cannabis Council Australia

AUSTRALIA'S LEADING MEDICINAL CANNABIS BODIES MERGE TO CREATE UNIFIED VOICE

The newly completed merger sees the coming together of the two peak bodies representing the overwhelming majority of key stakeholders in the medicinal cannabis sector

New industry body will be called Medicinal Cannabis Council Australia (MCCA) and will be overseen by Kristin Viccars and Teresa Nicoletti as Co-Chairs, amid board refresh

Search for a new full-time CEO now underway

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Australia's medicinal cannabis landscape enters a new era today as the two peak bodies representing the industry **Australian Medicinal Cannabis Association (AMCA)** and **Medicinal Cannabis Industry Australia (MCIA)** officially confirmed the completion of their merger overnight.

The new unified organisation, **Medicinal Cannabis Council Australia (MCCA)**, now represents the overwhelming majority of key stakeholders in the medicinal cannabis sector and will be Co-Chaired by Kristin Viccars and Teresa Nicoletti as the newly formed body seeks applicants for its refreshed board.



L:R MCCA Co-Chairs Viccars and Nicoletti

“This is an exciting milestone that ensures our industry has a clear peak body which represents the vast majority of the industry,” said **Teresa Nicoletti**, MCCA Co-Chair and outgoing AMCA Chair. “Our industry embraces the challenge of evolving best

practice regulation with the authorities and the new peak body Medicinal Cannabis Council Australia is well positioned to strongly advocate for maintaining patient access throughout the transition process.

With a new contemporary constitution, MCCA aims to streamline advocacy efforts and provide a coordinated point of contact for government and regulatory bodies.

Nicoletti noted that, amid the ongoing TGA review consultation on the safety and regulatory oversight of unapproved medicinal cannabis products, the industry had been working collaboratively in the interests of patients.

“We recognise the need for an evolved framework but it must be one that reflects the relevant risk and benefit profiles of medicinal cannabis. Any reforms should include data tracking, measurement and reporting that is absent in the current pathways.

“We also continue to advocate for building the required real world evidence base that can be a strong foundation that informs further policy reform.”

As the MCCA establishes its permanent structure, the board has launched a nationwide search for a full-time Chief Executive Officer. This leadership role will be pivotal in navigating the sector through significant regulatory reforms currently under consideration by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

Kristin Viccars, MCCA Co-Chair and outgoing MCIA Chair, emphasised that the new organisation is looking for a leader committed to integrity and long-term value.

“This is an open call to those who believe in collaboration and the future of this vital sector,” Viccars said. “Shaping the future of medicinal cannabis in Australia is the responsibility of all of us. Our sector knows the very real patient benefits that our members see each and every day – we do not seek to be the loudest voice in the room, but rather the strongest, as a credible and trusted partner working collaboratively with stakeholders, regulators and government in the best interests of patients.”

About Medicinal Cannabis Council Australia (MCCA): MCCA is the peak industry body representing the Australian medicinal cannabis sector. Formed by the merger of AMCA and MCIA, the Council is dedicated to fostering a professional, sustainable and patient-centric industry through collaboration, integrity and credible advocacy.

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