

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A significant development in the availability and promotion of alternative dispute resolution services in New South Wales has recently occurred with the opening of the "National Dispute Centre" in Macquarie Street, Sydney.

Established by the New South Wales Bar through a corporate entity, the Centre offers facilities for the conduct of a wide range of ADR processes.

Of importance to this Institute is the relocation of the offices of the New South Wales Chapter to these premises and the availability of Chapter controlled hearing and conference facilities.

The Chapter, in its occupancy, does not lose to the Centre its individual identity and autonomy.

The close proximity to the Supreme Court and Bar Chambers, together with involvement of prominent and influential persons in the ADR field in New South Wales, bode well for the future development and success of the Centre.

Whether the Centre will achieve its stated aim as a focus and facility for ADR for the whole of Australia is much less certain.

Your Institute generally supports the initiative but in so doing does not relinquish its position or authority as the only learned professional organisation in Australia covering the entire range of alternative dispute resolution processes and the training, qualification and quality control of facilitators in such processes.

Whatever the future development and acceptance on a national level, the Centre is a significant step forward in New South Wales and of great benefit and importance to our members in that State.

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President