Australian General Practice Network

Call for Nominations

NOMINATION FORM

July 2009

Nomination for election as:

Queensland GP Director to the Board of AGPN

(Australian General Practice Network Ltd)

The RHealth Limited Division of General Practice hereby nominates Dr Ross Hetherington (name) for election as Queensland GP Director to the Board of Australian General Practice Network Ltd.

Signed on behalf of the Division

Date // 30/7/2009

BGTait ..... Signature

Brenda Tait ..... Name

CEO ..... Position

Declaration by candidate: I accept this nomination for election as Queensland GP Director to the Board of Australian General Practice Network Ltd.

HETHERINGTON ..... Signature

Dr Ross Hetherington Name

The Nomination Form and Nominee Profile must be submitted to General Practice Queensland by 5:00pm (EST), Friday 31 July 2009

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Nominee Profile

Queensland GP Director to AGPN - Nominee Profile

Name:	Dr Ross Robert Hetherington
Division:	RHealth Limited
Qualifications:	MBBS, DRANZCOG, FACRRM, PG Dip Pall Med, FAICD
Areas of Interest (Medical):	Rural Workforce, Palliative Medicine
Areas of Interest (Personal):	Sports and my daughters
Current Employment:	Private Practice Warwick; Chair RHealth; Chair Health Workforce Qld

Please outline in dot point format why you would like to be supported as the Queensland GP Director on the Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) Board:

- I have considerable experience dealing with all levels of government on health workforce issues and I believe there will be an even greater focus on workforce based on the Prime Minister's current health reform goals to be advanced through the COAG, which will tackle major access and equity issues that affect health outcomes for people now. As a long-standing rural general practitioner I am also concerned that the rural workforce will be ignored or placed in the 'too-hard basket'. This is a state-wide concern with the Queensland population the fastest growing of any State or Territory in Australia and limited workforce delivering primary health care services.
- I was a member of the Australian Medical Workforce Advisory Committee (AMWAC) Taskforce that produced *The General Practice Workforce in Australia: Supply and Requirements to 2013* and I can speak with some authority across issues around workforce and rural and remote general practice in Queensland.
- I am the current Chair of RHealth Limited and Health Workforce Queensland and was the Foundation Chair of Central Western Qld Division. I have been involved with RHealth in a governance capacity for the past three and a half years; and with Health Workforce Queensland since 2000.
- I am currently practicing in a group general practice in Warwick. During my career I have experienced first-hand the issues affecting GPs in Queensland, and specifically rural and remote GPs in Queensland, previously having been a Medical Superintendent with the Right to Private Practice in Winton for almost 10 years
- I am a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and am committed to ongoing governance training.

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