

## CONSORTIUM OF AUSTRALIAN HUNTINGTON'S ASSOCIATIONS

Dear State Association clients, members, volunteers and other interested parties

**Re: Notice of the proposed Huntington's State Associations' merger going to a membership vote**

I am writing to inform you that the Boards of the five Huntington's State Associations – SA&NT, WA, Tasmania, NSW/ACT and Queensland – have all voted to take the merger proposal to their respective members.

Each State Board has determined that the merger is the best path forward for enhanced and sustainable supports and services to be provided for people affected by Huntington's disease.

At the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) of each State Association a Special Resolution will be put to all members asking whether they agree that their Association merge into a new, single, national entity and to eventually wind up their State Association, transferring all its assets (and liabilities) to the new entity. Usually, a 75% majority is required to pass a Special Resolution.

The next communication that members receive will be formal notification of their respective State Association's AGM. In that communication you will receive information about the Special Resolution, including the Constitution and some details about the new entity, including the names of foundational Board Directors.

The Consortium of Australian Huntington's Associations (CAHA) has been working on this proposed merger for over 12 months. We are all very excited about the opportunities to enhance and sustain the services we provide to the Huntington's community.

As part of enhancing services, it is very important to us that we continue to listen to and factor in local community needs and views. Previously we communicated that, if the merger goes ahead, advisory bodies will be set up in each State to provide such inputs to the Board and management. We have started working on what those bodies might look like and how they might work. We will be providing more information on this later, and will be seeking your views, but in the meantime please do not hesitate to ask if you want to know more.

If you have any questions about this process or anything to do with the merger, please do not hesitate to contact the key merger person in your State. In Queensland the contact is Shaun Riley Operations Manager, he can be contacted at [sriley@huntingtonsqld.org.au](mailto:sriley@huntingtonsqld.org.au) or through the Queensland office 07 3064 3222.

Yours sincerely



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