

Mr Nello Marino  
CEO Australian Podiatry Association

Dear Nello,

Thank you for your response dated 24 May 2018.

Podiatry WA appreciates the information you have provided to our members' questions and we will circulate this information to them shortly. Our members decide on the future of Podiatry WA and will do so with whatever information is available to them.

With regard to APodA's suggestion relating to the capitation threat we respectfully reiterate that Podiatry WA has never recognised such debt and our audited financial reports, supported as they are by legal opinion, reflect this fact. Further discussion of this non-existent debt is pointless and detracts from the much more important business that both APodA and Podiatry WA have been tasked to do.

These many tasks are the primary focus of the directors of Podiatry WA and, whilst being very important, national representation is not amongst those specifically included in our Constitution's aims and objects. It is important to again stress that Podiatry WA does not seek to minimise or negate the strategic value of having a national voice. The challenge of any proposed reunification, however, falls not to the directors of Podiatry WA but upon the CEO and management of APodA, for to be successful in this enterprise they must demonstrate to an active and very sceptical membership, with frankness and with full transparency, why it is monetarily and professionally advantageous to wind-up a company that is not only financially healthy but, critically, has their strong support.

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As directors we are disappointed in the lack of fellowship and solidarity from APodA. There is a commonality of purpose that we share and though we may have our internal disagreements we have been hopeful that the larger national body would have the magnanimity to explore the spirit of co-operation in order to promote and uphold the profession. Podiatry is a small profession with very little power or voice, from the clinic level right through to the corridors of Canberra. We therefore request APodA pause and reconsider its approach to the members of Podiatry WA as we all seek to continually improve and promote our profession.

Once again, thank you again for your response.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Scott Westover  
President Podiatry WA

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