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I am a registered medical practitioner – MBBS (Qld) FACRRM. I have 37 years experience working in rural medical practice. I have been the Medical Superintendent with Right of Private Practice at Herberton (Atherton Tablelands, North Queensland) since 01-11-1971, and am currently the longest serving MSRRP in the State. I have had experience with procedural medicine – obstetrics, anaesthetics, general and orthopaedic surgery, and continue to carry out numerous surgical procedures. I am principal of a medical practice which services 4 rural towns and currently employs two other general practitioners and 2 practice nurses. The practice hosts medical students, currently including several John Flynn and RAMUS scholars. The three main practice sites are accredited, and provide substantial after hours cover. One practice site (Ravenshoe) is a registered training practice, and has been involved in the training of rural registrars since 1996.



I have been a member of the Board of Far North Queensland Rural Division of General Practice since September 2000. I was elected as a Rural Director to the Board of Queensland Division of General Practice (QDGP) in September 2001, and was re-elected in 2003. My term on each of these Boards began at a time when the respective organizations were experiencing considerable difficulties. Consequently my experience on each Board has been a steep learning curve. I believe that as a result I have a substantial grasp of governance issues, relating both to proper financial management and to policy development. I have attended all of the Board training programmes held by both Boards since my terms began – this includes sessions on reading and interpreting financial reports, and extensive sessions on governance issues.

I was elected to the (then) ADGP Board in November 2003 as the Rural Director for Queensland, and subsequently was re-elected as the Queensland Director when the Board size was reduced, and was re-elected again in 2005. I have continued to be an active Board member, including chairing the Governance Committee during the period when the Board's current Governance Manual was being developed.

I believe that the organization now known as AGPN has matured and acquired an increased profile and stature in the past four years. This period has seen the development of a number of important policy positions, and AGPN is leading the way in seeking reform in the Australian Health sector that gives a

proper emphasis to Primary Health Care. I believe that the Board, the CEO, and the staff of AGPN are delivering substantial benefits to the Divisions Network.

Further considerations are that I have a good working relationship with QDGP, soon to be GPQ, and good knowledge of the business of the SBO. I am currently a member of the QDGP Governance Committee. At present, I am also the AGPN nominee Director on the Board of AGPAL.

I have previously indicated to Queensland Divisions that I am happy to continue as a Director on the AGPN board. There is always a need to balance experience and familiarity with the Company's business against the possibilities of becoming too conservative and unable to embrace change and innovation. However, at present I feel the greater requirement at AGPN is for continuity, understanding of the Company's business, and fostering of the current directions. In these circumstances, I have no hesitation in putting my name forward for re-election.