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Australian Divisions of General Practice Ltd.

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ADGP welcomes High Court's decision

The Australian Divisions of General Practice (ADGP) welcomed today's High Court decision in the Central Bayside General Practice Association Limited (CBGPA) case. This decision confirms CBGPA status as a charitable body.

ADGP CEO, Kate Carnell, said the decision to allow CBDGP to be classed as a charity has significant broader ramifications for the non-government charity sector. The key issue resolved by the High Court is that an organisation can continue to be regarded as a charity even though they are predominately government funded.

"Today's decision allows the divisions network to get on with its important work supporting general practice and the communities in which they are based.

"Charitable business status is fundamental to the way in which divisions operate. We are a not-for-profit network that promotes primary health care and offer valuable health programs to communities.

"This decision ensures Australia's charity organisations can continue the invaluable work they are doing for this country, without being concerned that their charity status is at risk due to significant levels of government funding," Ms Carnell said.

ADGP is extremely grateful to the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA), in particular, Ros Lucas, for her ongoing commitment and support throughout the High Court appeal process.

The ruling today ensures the majority of the 127 members of the divisions network can operate as charities and continue to successfully carry out their primary health care objectives.

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WHAT IS ADGP?

- ADGP is the peak body representing 119 Divisions of General Practice and eight State-based organisations (SBOs) around Australia. The Divisions Network supports general practice and their practice teams and drives the implementation of innovative health strategies.
- ADGP, through the Divisions Network, works to integrate general practice with other sectors of the health system, both government and non-government, to deliver high quality care to the Australian community.
- ADGP is committed to promoting the health of all Australians by supporting the role of Divisions in the nation's primary health care system.



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