



Hopefully 2013 will be a year of change for the residential parks industry, we can but hope. Some of you may be aware that the Department of the Attorney General has launched what they call the “REVIEW OF THE QUEENSLAND CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL ACT 2009 (Consultation Paper). This is a paper not for the faint hearted or the average residential park home owner. It is true to say there is much information in the paper but it contains 23 questions which many would find difficult to answer. We at ARPQ have completed the Consultation Paper questions and made much comment how QCAT could certainly lift its game. For the more adventurous wishing to participate can log onto [www.justice.qld.gov.au](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au) or contact Lisa O’Donnell on 0400986432.

#### ARPQ web-site

The website is complete and can be accessed by logging onto [arpq.org.au](http://arpq.org.au) although we are gradually adding to it; much more is planned for the future. The web-site is there for all members so feel free to comment or you can email or phone us, we urge members to stay in touch. To log on from your browser enter [arpq.org.au](http://arpq.org.au) and be informed. We have included through the “Recourses Page” information to the Department of Communities Seniors Services and Caxton Legal Services.

#### General Meeting

In the December newsletter we announced a date and time for a general meeting but because ARPQ membership has grown so much the largest conference room at the Beenleigh Library will be too small so we are looking for a larger venue thus postponing the Beenleigh meeting to another date and members will be advised accordingly. Understandably it is always a problem finding a central location accessible to all members so we may consider holding a series of meetings in different locations as combined workshops so members can get to know us. Such meetings would not constitute a general meeting under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1981* but with the pending revision if the *Manufactured Homes Residential Parks Act 2003* it would be a good time to get members views and input because ARPQ will be making submissions to the revision. We will be making contact with members in the very near future to confirm venues, dates and times.

#### The National Alliance

This idea of a national alliance with all other States is gaining momentum with our Victorian and South Australian colleagues talking of holding State forums which would include all home owner associations in each State, we are still in the planning stages at the moment but we have every reason to believe it will happen. We place a great deal of importance on this alliance because legislation in the different States all mirror each other with slight variations and home owners are not happy. We think all aged care and the retirement industry should come under one Federal Legislative process, it is the Federal Government that allocates our pensions and entitlements and the State Governments that legislate to have park operators take our pensions and entitlements off us. Secondly, a national body gives us greater voting power. We would like to know what our members think.

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