

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Elsewhere in this issue of *The Arbitrator* members are advised of details of a continuing survey which will embrace all aspects of commercial dispute resolution except litigation.

This initiative by the Senior Vice-President, Mr A.A. de Fina has been adopted by Council. The scheme has as its objective ascertaining as much information as possible and, following objective analysis, Council will plan the Institute's future direction be it in the areas of education and training, public relations, regional developments, etc.

An important aspect of this survey is a commitment by Council to report to members from time to time on the results and trends revealed by the survey.

In the past there have been limited surveys from time to time principally focusing upon the eastern seaboard cities of Sydney and Melbourne. Time wise, unlike others previously conducted, this survey is open ended and covers mediation, conciliation, court referred matters and other ADR procedures as well as arbitration.

Survey forms will be regularly distributed to members and within the business community generally.

I urge all members to take the opportunity of supporting this project by completing the survey at the end of each reference and returning them to the Institute in the postage paid envelopes being distributed with the forms.

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President