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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Quaker Service Australia, no longer QSA Incorporated, but now a company limited by guarantee though we have decided not to use the word limited in our name, or in our thinking!

So now as a company, we have a new constitution and the company comprises 17 members with 7 from NSW Regional Meeting (who form the Management Committee), a representative from each Regional Meeting and Young Friends along with the AYM Presiding Clerk and AYM Secretary as ex-officio members. We have created a QSA Linkages Sub-Committee of the non-Management Committee members. No staff members are involved in the company structure though Jackie Perkins has been appointed into the non-membership role of company secretary and Michael Morrissey continues in his non-membership role of public officer, a role not needed for companies but needed by charities for taxation and ACNC requirements.

The terms of reference of the Linkages Sub-Committee have recently been drafted, and will soon be on the QSA website. In essence they will provide a conduit between QSA and its work with Regional Meetings so that Friends will have a local person they can ask about the projects and development issues, and QSA will get to know more about the ideas and concerns of Friends around Australia.

The terms of service for all members of the company will continue as before so that QSA does not lose the expertise of everyone at once, and there will be opportunities for mentoring of new members from others involved.

Many Friends have travelled along this road with us and have shared their expertise and ideas for which we are most grateful. Some of the ideas suggested have not been taken up, but each one has given us food for thought and helped us in the discernment process. It has been an interesting and sometimes taxing journey, but we have achieved a result which will, we think, satisfy the requirements of Friends and make the organisation a stronger one.

We now look forward to implementing the new changes, and to continue our development work with your continued support.

In peace

Garry Duncan and Jackie Perkins,
on behalf of Quaker Service Australia



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