



UROLOGICAL SOCIETY
OF AUSTRALIA
AND NEW ZEALAND

Australian 2023 Section Meetings

Aotearoa New Zealand

Autonomy Project

Background

Aotearoa New Zealand

- Different health system
- Different governments
- Significantly different indigenous focus

NZ Section to remain part of USANZ

Package of Changes

2024 USANZ AGM – Vote on Constitutional Change



Package of Changes

Aotearoa New Zealand Urology Society (ANZUS)

- Separate, independent
- Responsible for its finances and compliance with statutory obligations in NZ.
- ANZUS Membership will be members of the USANZ New Zealand Section.
- ANZUS Constitution will have objects and actions in common with USANZ.
- Responsible for all matters solely relevant to NZ urologists
- Membership administration carried out by USANZ
- No separate membership fee. Fees for NZ Section members will remain the same as for Australian Section members
- Formula based on the number of NZ members to be developed to determine appropriate fee payable by USANZ to NZ.



Package of Changes (continued)

Extra NZ member on the Board

President of ANZUS to be an ex officio position on the USANZ Board/
In addition to the existing NZ Section Representative.

[USANZ Constitutional Change]

NZ member of USANZ Leadership Group

President of ANZUS to be added to the USANZ Leadership Group.
LG currently comprises the USANZ President, CEO, Vice President and Past President.



Package of Changes (continued)

New definition for NZ Full Members of USANZ

- Critical for NZ members - impacts 10-15% of urologists working in NZ
- New definition for USANZ Full Members to reflect the different criteria that apply to registration as a urologist in NZ compared to Australia.
- Registration as a urologist in NZ can be either by obtaining a FRACS (Urol) or by obtaining vocational registration.
- Full members in NZ will be defined as holding Full Vocational Registration in Urology with the Medical Council of NZ, whether they hold a FRACS (Urol) or not
- It will not be possible for a NZ Full Member to become a Full Member in Australia unless they hold a FRACS (Urol)

USANZ President must hold a FRACS (Urol)

[USANZ Constitutional Change]



Package of Changes (continued)

USANZ-ANZUS – Development of Cooperation Agreement

- SET Program remains unchanged, delivered by USANZ in both countries
- USANZ to carry out membership administration for ANZUS
- Fee agreement
- Respective responsibility for handling personal information
- Criteria and process for resolving jurisdiction issues.



Process for change

- USANZ Constitution Change – February 2024 AGM
- Establishment of ANZUS
- USANZ Working Group

- **Each Section Meeting asked for a statement of support.**





Aotearoa New Zealand Perspective

Why is ANZUS Needed?

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USANZ Vision

A diverse, engaged and collegiate membership, recognised as the authority on urology.

Why are the changes needed?

- Events in Aotearoa NZ in 2020
- NZ is a sovereign country
- FRACS urologists and non-FRACS urologists – considered equal
- Formalise autonomy to address NZ only policies, guidance and statements



NZ Urology

- 76 practicing urologists
 - 10-15% are Non-FRACS Consultants (currently excluded from section decisions/roles)
 - Majority of work is public sector
- One Section Chair, One Training Supervisor
- We liaise with RACS, Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa, Te Whatu Ora, Te Aho O Te Kahu, Manatū Hauora on NZ urological matters.
- We currently have multiple Working groups with various agencies
- We run our own finances with an accountant and secretary (via RACS NZ) in NZ



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Goals

- Maintain close ties with USANZ Australia.
- Improve engagement and collaboration between the countries.
- Allow ALL practicing urologists (in NZ) to be equal members.
- Update the USANZ Constitution.
- Restructure the NZ Section
- Allow NZ members to make NZ plans and decisions.
- To have no impact on Australian membership status or the overall running of USANZ.



Statement of Support

That each USANZ Section supports the Package of changes, as outlined today including the Separate Aotearoa New Zealand Organisation, USANZ Intact Model.

