

## LEADR's involvement with the National Mediator Standards

LEADR strongly supports national accreditation of mediators and has played a significant role in the National Mediator Standards project. LEADR is also a Recognised Mediation Accreditation Body (RMAB) empowered to accredit mediators under the National Mediator Accreditation System.

LEADR supported the leadership of its former CEO, Scott Petterson, in progressing these standards, including his role as joint Chair of the Implementation Committee established at the National Mediation Conference in 2006. In this role, Mr Petterson, by arrangement with the LEADR Board, continued to represent the interests of LEADR members after he had resigned as LEADR CEO.

As part of the consultation process managed by Professor Laurence Boulle, LEADR provided written submissions that contributed to the Report to the 8th National Mediation Conference in May 2006. Once the draft National Standards were released, LEADR encouraged its members to provide feedback (to Professor Tania Sourdin) and provided its own response. This response was consistent with previous submissions which had involved member consultation.

[Read LEADR's response to the draft National Standards >>](#)

The response delved into the practical details of the administration of the National Mediator Accreditation Scheme, the recognition of RMABs and also reflects the diverse needs of LEADR members and what LEADR perceives to be the diverse needs of the broader mediation community.

LEADR's recommendations were for the standard to be more flexible, expanded requirements for organisations wishing to be RMABs and the greater use of discretion by RMABs.

LEADR extends its thanks to:

- WADRA for coordinating the last stage of the extensive consultation process
- Professor Tania Sourdin for preparing the draft and final National Standards and for the consultation sessions
- NADRAC for the funding that has made this consultation process possible.