



TICA Protocol for Media Statements

Purpose:

The TICA is the leading professional body on infection control issues in Tasmania and as such requires a mechanism to increase the profile of infection control and related issues. This protocol provides a manner in which TICA members can raise issues and media statements within a controlled framework.

Process:

1. Any current TICA member can identify an issue and put forward a motion for a TICA statement to be issued
2. The motion and prepared statement must be sent to the Secretary using the relevant documentation (can be obtained from the TICA Secretary)
3. The Secretary will inform the TICA Executive of the issue and prepared statement
4. The media statement will be issued IF the response meets the following criteria:
 - a) Time constraints do not allow for a reasonable consultation period **OR** it is deemed by members of the Executive that the issue does not require in depth consultation by TICA members
 - b) It is not in conflict with the TICA rules or requires a change in rules
 - c) The statement does not make reference to any individual TICA member
 - d) It is consistent with the aims and objectives of the TICA
 - e) It has the support of at least **two** TICA executive members. Where one TICA executive member objects to the statement, it must be sent to TICA members for consultation (time restriction may apply if a quick response is required).
5. If one of the criteria in Point 4 is not met, the statement will be sent to TICA members for consultation
6. The media statement will be issued by the TICA Secretary but will not contain specific names
7. The TICA Executive reserves the right to make minor changes to the statement

8. Where there is a request for a verbal response or interview, the TICA President will consider the most appropriate TICA member to respond.

Date discussed at GM	
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Signature of President	
Signature of Secretary	