

ACDICT Incorporated?

Currently ACDICT is an association of the leaders of ICT in Australian universities and has the mission to promote and advance ICT education, research and scholarship on behalf of Australian universities.

It was suggested at a Council meeting that it may be more useful to be an Incorporated body and the Executive were asked to investigate. These investigations included the ACDICT Executive Officer attending a Science and Technology Australia Workshop; consultation by the EO and President with Mills Oakley Lawyers (Sydney); consultation with an Incorporated Council (ACED) and an association like that of ACDICT (ACDS).

Summary pros and cons

Reasons for ACDICT Inc	Reasons against ACDICT Inc
Allow receipt of direct funding which then requires financial management	Partner University can receive funding and manage the finances
The organisation is liable and not the members – the organisation would need insurance	ACDICT has Professional Indemnity and Public Liability insurance to protect the members
Apparently more professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires extensive Constitution revision to follow Office of Fair Trading format in the State or Territory of Incorporation – only one and not national• If national then must be Public Company with all the legal requirements• As legal entity, all university members would need to check with their legal office and each university legal office agree• AGM must be reported to the Office of Fair Trading

Conclusion

There are no obvious advantages to becoming an Incorporated body in one of the States or a National Public Company. Becoming Incorporated would involve considerable extra bureaucracy and cost with little if any gain. The Mills Oakley consultation indicated that our current practices are satisfactory.