

2.9 Dual Membership of Rehabilitation Organisations

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This policy addresses dual membership of rehabilitation organisations. It is extracted from Clause 2.5 of the WIRES Constitution

2.5 Cessation of Authorisation

- (a) An Authorised Member ceases to be authorised immediately upon written notice of the cessation of authorisation being provided by the Board to both the Secretary of the BMC of the branch to which the Member belongs, and the member within 14 days of the decision being made, subject to the processes set out in sections 2.15, 2.16 and/or 2.17.
- (b) The Board may only provide such notice if it finds by resolution that:
 - (i) the Member holds an authorisation, licence or permit from another non-government organisation or group:
 - (A) which rescues and cares for native animals; and
 - (B) which is involved with the same species as the Association; and
 - (C) whose policies in relation to the rescue, care or release of animals differs from those of the Association;and such authorisation, licence or permit:
 - (D) is likely to result in both the Association and organisation carrying on activities in substantially the same geographical area; or
 - (E) is likely to create conflict of interest, or conflict between organizations or:
 - (ii) the Member breaches any NPWS policy or any applicable law in relation to: the prevention of cruelty to animals or protection of native fauna; or
 - (iii) the Member fails to maintain a level of competence and/or behaviour satisfactory to the Board, and in compliance with the WIRES Code of Conduct or
 - (iv) The member consistently and/or wilfully breaches WIRES Inc policies.