

LEVY

SDQ REQUEST TO MEMBERS

The Executive of SDQ State Council has imposed a levy on members in accord with Rule 12.

This action has been taken after considerable thought and debate to meet a drain on resources by_

1. The enterprise bargaining process for the MOCA 2.

This was a prolonged and difficult process that ended with an agreement that is deficient in many areas. The reason for the delay in the agreement being finalized is that SDQ held out for better conditions of work that were not supported by the other parties in the negotiations.

Hence, this agreement is close to what the Queensland Government wished for and not satisfactory for SDQ members. SDQ had expended much energy over two years to develop a log of claims with benefits for all doctors, but particularly targeted at the conditions for junior doctors.

SDQ signed the agreement so that it remains capable of continuing to represent its members in matters relating to the MOCA 2.

2. The hostile attitude of the AMAQ and the QPSU has added to the burden for SDQ and this is an on-going problem that SDQ will need to continue to face and deal with for the survival of the union that is for doctors only. SDQ cannot afford to lose its place in the representation of salaried doctors; this would be a return to the past and detrimental to the cause of all salaried doctors.

SDQ is not politically aligned and has insisted on independence so that it can fairly and fiercely represent the interests of our members without the baggage that accompanies relationships with one or other sides of the political spectrum.

The levy is 50% of your annual fee i.e.

Senior doctor \$300.00

Junior doctor \$150.00

Intern \$25.00

Yours sincerely,



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President, SDQ
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