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**Submission on the Exposure Draft of the Incorporated Societies Bill**

The New Zealand Petanque Association (Inc) in general supports the provisions in the Incorporated Societies Bill.

However, we wish to make the following specific submission:

**That Clause 70 (1) (b) be deleted.**

This Clause requires a Society's register of members to contain the date when each person became a member.

**Comment**

We do not see the need to impose this requirement on Societies. We understand and agree that Societies should know who their members are and how to contact them, but what is the rationale for a legal requirement to know when they joined? Who will use this information and how?

We believe the requirement is unduly onerous and in our case probably impossible to comply with. Our membership structure is that individuals become members of the New Zealand Petanque Association by joining an affiliated Club. Clubs then provide us with a list of members and their contact details. We do not know when those people joined the Club. We could start asking for date of joining but we are unlikely to be able to obtain this information retrospectively.

We have over 1000 members and to try and obtain this information would require a huge amount of time and resources.

We could deem each person to have joined on the date their Club affiliated, but again, what useful information would that provide and to whom? And it would still be problematic for our Association, because all then-existing Clubs in effect became affiliated to the Association as of 30<sup>th</sup> August 2003, when we adopted a new Constitution and membership structure.

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