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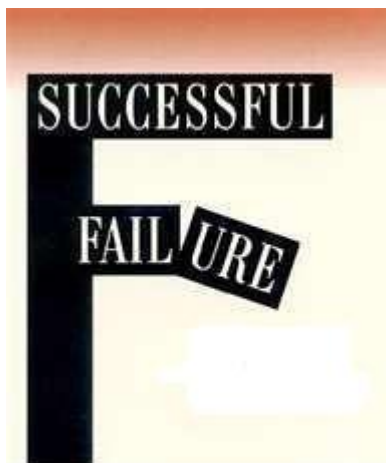
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Board Gloats About Regulation Review Committee Decision



The Board today took the unusual step of putting out a special edition of the "Info Brief", having a gloat about the Regulations Review Committee (RRC) releasing two decisions relating to complaints laid regarding Continuing Professional Development and the Disciplinary Levy and Offences Fee.

We are aware a lot of members don't read the "Info Brief" so here is the link www.pgdb.co.nz Have a read because it says a lot about the Board.

Obviously they felt the time and effort they put into confusing the RRC gave them a successful outcome - but is that really the case?

Yes they were successful in creating enough confusion in the Committee that it bought the Board some time, but in reality it was a big 'F' as in failure, in that all that was achieved was "time".

It was a failure in that what the Board has introduced is being rejected by a big proportion of the industry. The Board has FAILED to bring the industry along with it and is simply wasting time and money imposing unwanted issues onto the industry. Success would have been getting everyone on side right from the start so no complaints were laid in the first place.

The laying of the complaints by the Federation was following "process," and the process is far from over! If the Board had a complaints process in place we could have used it, but the Board's General Complaints policy doesn't deal with "general complaints" such as this.

Mr Jackson the Deputy Chair of the Board stated: *"The Board has gone to great lengths to ensure that its processes are robust and legally compliant and this is borne out by the RRC's decision"*.

The decision of the RRC appears to be based on its previous decision, which was in favour of the Federation and Mr Day, and the actions taken by the Board as a result of the RRC

recommendations. It appears it has failed to take into account new events since that time. The Federation feel the RRC has taken a very narrow view of the issues and will be appealing their decision.

With regard to the Fees notices the RRC stated: "In light of the Board's actions, the committee has decided not to proceed with the Federation's proposed complaint about the Board's fees notices". The committee have made no mention of the Board making the payment of fees a term and condition of licensing in that if you don't pay you don't get issued with a licence. We will be returning to them with this and other issues for them to consider.

In regard to the registration and licensing notices, in particular CPD, the RRC stated: *"In light of the Board's actions and the fact that a new scheme for continuing professional development is pending, the committee has decided not to proceed with your proposed complaint **at this stage**".*

As this complaint was regarding what is in place NOW the committee are waiting to see what the new scheme will be, hence the statement **"at this stage"**.

The issuing of the "special issue" of the Info Brief by the Board where they state they are pleased but not surprised by the decision as, in its view, the complaints had no substance, reeks of their attitude that it is a "them and us" situation and "we beat the Federation" gloat. (Although we were somewhat surprised to be finally acknowledged by the Board when usually we are referred to as a "disgruntled few".)

For the Federation this is not a "beat the Board situation" this is a get fairness and equality for the industry situation, because the Board can have as many successful failures as it wants. At the end of the day they are nothing without us, the tradespeople.

The Board fails if we are not on side with them in sufficient numbers to provide the public with the service we are licensed to provide.

It's a sad indictment when the Board gloats over a failure.

The debates continue.

Don't forget to read Friday's issue of the Fellow Practitioner where we discuss what you need to be a successful politician.