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To: See distribution list

From: Peter Olah

Date: 17 July 2001

Subject: Suspension of appointments
for non-return of PEDs

Please find attached a list of Leaders within your Region or Activity Centre who, as of today's date, have failed to return their Scout Prohibited Employment Declaration (PED). As a result, each of these leaders has today been sent a copy of the suspension letter (attached) which advises that their Scouting appointment has been suspended, effective immediately.

It is proposed that these people will remain on the suspended list for several months. Whilst under suspension, they must refrain from participation in any activity connected with the movement, and must not wear uniform or badges. The legislation requires us as a movement (and as individuals) to ensure that any person who has not signed a PED has no contact with children.

Any person on this list may still return their PED, and be immediately returned to "active duty". However, those who fail to do so will, later this year, have their appointments cancelled.

I ask for your assistance in ensuring our legal responsibilities are met.

Peter Olah
Chief Executive

PS - a small number of members on this list do not have addresses on the database. In these cases, I have enclosed the suspension letter for these people and would ask that you ensure that the letter reaches them as soon as possible.

Distribution List:

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17 July, 2001

Member No: «Memb_No»

«Name»
 «Appointment»
 «Formation»
 «MailAd12»
 «MailTSP»

Dear «PreferName»,

SUSPENSION OF YOUR SCOUTING APPOINTMENT

Please read this letter carefully, as it has an immediate and severe impact on your right to participate in Scouting activities.

Recently, in order to comply with changes to the laws within NSW, a Scout Prohibited Employment Declaration (PED), together with an explanatory letter, was mailed to you with a request to return it to this office by 31 May 2001. A follow up letter was then mailed to you on 1 June 2001 requesting return by 29 June 2001. Our records show that unfortunately, a completed PED has still not been received from you.

I must advise you that as your completed PED has not been received, in order to stay within the law, your Scouting appointment has now been suspended with immediate effect.

Whilst under suspension, you must refrain from participation in any activity connected with Scouting, and must not wear uniform or badges.

Should you choose to return a completed PED in the near future, you will immediately be reinstated to your previous Leader appointment. I must also advise, however, that continued non-compliance will lead to your Leader appointment being cancelled - a situation all would like to avoid.

I have attached another copy of the PED for your assistance, and I would ask you to consider signing it and returning it as a matter of urgency. Even if you signed a similar form at the recent Australian Jamboree, you should also complete this form. It is not possible to use those declarations signed at the Jamboree, which were approved for use at the Jamboree only, not for Scouting generally.

Your understanding and acceptance of the requirements of this new legislation would be appreciated. The effort and time Leaders put into working with our youth members is valued by all, especially the young people who depend on their Leader's continued involvement.

Thank you in anticipation of your urgent attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely



Peter Olah
Chief Executive