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## **Strata managers seek national licensing**

Strata Community Australia (SCA) CEO Mark Lever has congratulated the Federal Coalition on its decisive win at the Federal Election and the swearing in yesterday of the new Cabinet on behalf the 2,500 national members of the organisation.

“We also welcome the new Federal Government’s keenness to get working for the Australian public and hope that one of the first tasks the new government undertakes is to complete the national licensing process for strata managers, which is long overdue,” Mr Lever said.

“SCA is now encouraging all state governments to sign off on national licensing so that it can become a reality by the next COAG meeting in November and fulfill an election promise of reducing red tape and streamlining business regulation.

“With more than a trillion dollars of assets under management by the strata sector across Australia it makes sense to have a unified and streamlined system.”

Only NSW requires its strata managers to be licensed and to undertake continual professional development. Some states require registration but none are as rigorous as NSW licensing requirements. SCA believes that national licensing is important for job mobility but also to protect the assets of property owners and investors.

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### **About Strata Community Australia**

Strata Community Australia is the new peak body for the strata sector. It brings together the former National Community Titles Institute, Institute of Strata Title Management (NSW), Community Titles Institute of Queensland, Owners Corporations Victoria, Community Titles Institute of South Australia, Strata Titles Institute of Western Australia and Strata Management Institute of the Australian Capital Territory under the one name with a new constitution and governance structure. Collectively there are 2500 individual and business members including strata managers, other specialist service providers and individual owners and investors. Unlike most industry bodies, the common denominator is the customer base - Australia's 270,000 body corporates, owners corporations, strata companies etc - rather than specific product or service categories. This makes SCA a powerful advocate both for its direct membership and the one-quarter of Australians households who live in apartments and townhouses.

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