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Dear Club Officer and members,

As we enter March, Clubs all over New Zealand will be conducting their Annual General Meetings. Many, if they have not already decided, will be reviewing their affiliation decision for the 2016/7 year.

For those who may be undecided as to whether they will remain affiliated to FNZI, return to PSPL, go it alone, or look at the new option – Rebus NZ Incorporated, may we urgently draw to your attention the attached exchange of emails.

If your Club was hoping that some kind of an arrangement or accommodation between PSPL and FNZI, might be forthcoming – and thereby avoid the need to change your Club name - we are sorry to inform you that even if there are some of us who still believe in the Tooth Fairy, that is just plainly not going to happen.

At FNZI's meeting in Auckland last Friday for 9910 Clubs, we were told many times over that there was no need for affiliated unincorporated Clubs to change their name. ***“Just sit tight and do nothing!”***

We have previously stressed that having spent such huge sums in trademarking everything “Probus” in New Zealand, PSPL was not going to walk away and let us off the hook. For that kind of expenditure, there has to be a payback.

Yesterday's email from Silvana Martignago, the new CEO of PSPL makes it very clear that if a Club in NZ wishes to call itself a Probus Club, there is in the end, only one way – re-affiliate with PSPL.

Her reply was in response to a member of a Club (name withheld on request) seeking some indication as to whether his Club was in breach of trade mark law in continuing to use the Probus name.

May we suggest that this information be forwarded to all your committee and members as it may impact on your future decision making.

Best regards,

Graeme McIntosh (Chairman)