



Agreed Statement regarding settlement with Ms Neal

11 June 2025

Amnesty International Australia (AIA) and Ms Belinda Neal have agreed to resolve the legal proceedings commenced by Ms Neal last year in the Supreme Court of New South Wales (Proceedings).

On 14 September 2024, Ms Neal was elected to the position of councillor to the Central Coast Council. It remains Ms Neal's view that her nomination for an election to this position was not in conflict with her role as a director of AIA's National Board.

AIA is part of the global non-denominational, non-partisan movement of Amnesty International which is independent of all governments, political parties and religious institutions. The issues the subject of the Proceedings arose in respect of AIA's policy that the position of director of AIA's National Board is incompatible with elected or appointed top-level positions in the policy making systems of a country, and the view taken by AIA that this policy extends to elected positions in local government.

AIA thanks Ms Neal for her time and service as a director of AIA's National Board and wishes her well for her new role with the Central Coast Council.