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**Epilepsy New Zealand GM Cleared Following Investigation**

HAMILTON, New Zealand, 27 August 2009 – Epilepsy New Zealand's (ENZ) investigation into its General Manager (GM), Frank Gouveia, following allegations made by a group within the Epilepsy Community, including Epilepsy Waikato President, Paul Manning, has found the allegations to be without merit.

On 23 August 2009, Sunday News reported that a group had engaged a private investigator who had produced a report which included allegations that Mr Gouveia had incorrectly claimed professional affiliations when applying for the position of GM, and paid for tickets to a show whilst at an ENZ conference using ENZ's credit card, outside his delegated authority.

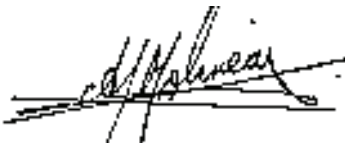
Upon receipt of the report, Mr Gouveia stood down to allow the ENZ Board to independently investigate the allegations. The Board engaged legal advisors regarding the professional affiliations and the forensic accounting services of KPMG.

A check of Mr Gouveia's professional affiliations showed that he had not made misrepresentations when applying for the GM position.

The wide ranging financial investigation concluded that the financial allegations were without any basis.

ENZ President, John Molineaux has confirmed that Mr Gouveia has the full confidence of ENZ's Board and returned to his role on 24 August 2009.

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