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A proposal to simplify the running of BODHI

As most of you know, I have significant and still growing experience with NGOs and non-profit organisations, at a senior level (including as chief executive officer). Several of the organisations have much larger budgets than BODHI (eg Council of Academic Public Health Institutions Australia, Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT). Drawing on this experience I have a proposal to streamline the day to day running of BODHI.

As current and past committee members know, at the moment, BODHI requires consensus to approve the funding of existing projects, such as for Karunadeepa and Aryaloka. Such funding has always been approved, but significant delays can occur. In addition, this mechanism requires consideration and time from existing committee members.

My proposal is that Colin Butler, BODHI treasurer, be authorised to spend, on behalf of BODHI, up to \$30,000 per annum, without seeking approval from committee members. The funds should be spent on:

1. Existing projects.
2. Recurring expenses that committee members are not normally consulted for, such as the audit, or for annual registration.

Of course, Colin can and should consult the committee if he is in any doubt, or wishes to seek advice, and in all cases before additional projects (if any) are funded. I consider that fraud by Colin is unlikely, but there would still be the annual audit and treasurer's report, as safeguards.

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