

The Discussion Forum

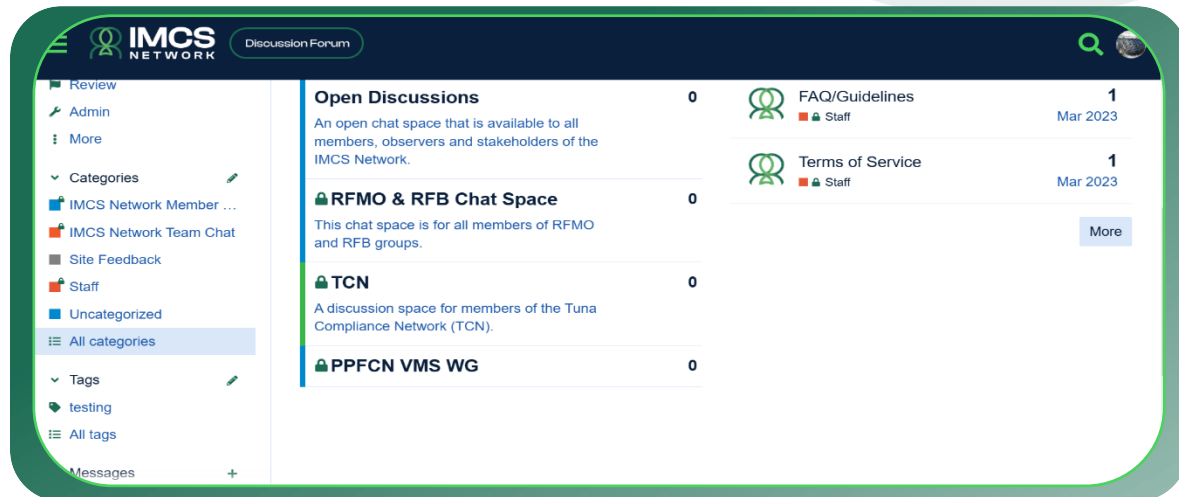
What is the Discussion Forum?

The Discussion Forum is a place for Network Portal users to create discussions, ask questions, share news and information and offer assistance.

The Discussion Forum consists of *Categories*. Each category is dedicated to a group. There are categories open to all users for general conversation and categories that can only be seen by authorised users of that group.

Each category allows users to create topics for discussion, reply, add links to external resources and upload documents, images, video and audio for others to download.

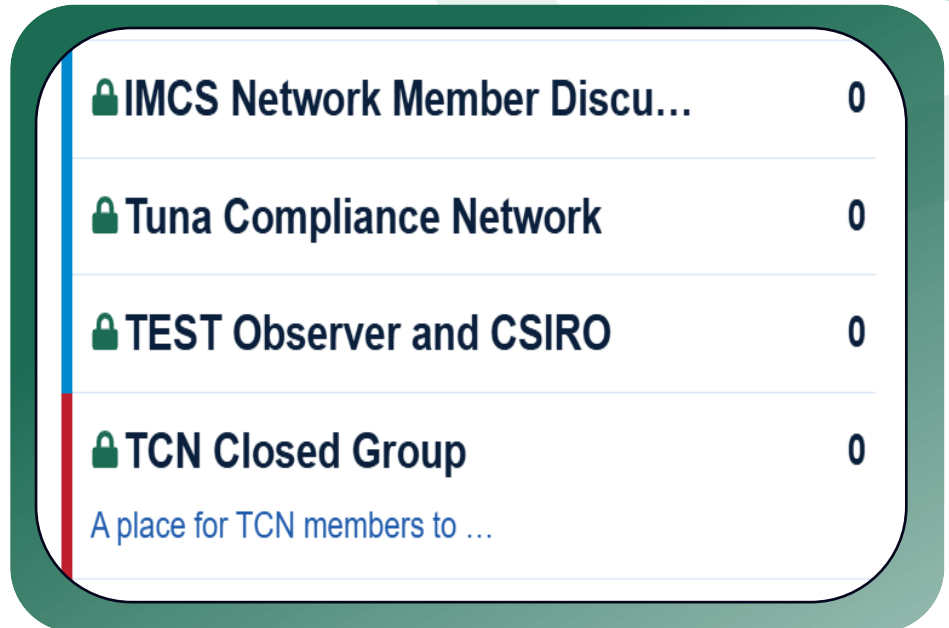
The Network requests that all conversations created and replied to, are done so in a courteous and respectful manner.





How do Discourse Forum closed groups work?

Closed groups are set up by Network staff and they are only visible to users added to the group.

Closed groups can be created by sending an email request to Network staff. Any user may request the creation of a closed group. When the group is created all invited users will be given access to create topics and reply.

A screenshot of a Discourse Forum interface showing a list of closed groups. The groups are listed with a lock icon, the group name, and a count of 0. The groups are: "IMCS Network Member Discu...", "Tuna Compliance Network", "TEST Observer and CSIRO", and "TCN Closed Group". Below the last group is a description: "A place for TCN members to ...". The screenshot is framed by a green border.

 IMCS Network Member Discu...	0
 Tuna Compliance Network	0
 TEST Observer and CSIRO	0
 TCN Closed Group	0
A place for TCN members to ...	

How do I add members of my organisation to closed groups?

Group Administrators cannot add users to closed groups in the Discussion Forum.

This capability is limited to Network staff.

As a Group Administrator you can add new users to the Network's Portal however this does not automatically apply to closed groups in the Discussion Forum.

Please email the Network staff and request a user be given access to closed groups.

How do I delete users from the Discussion Forum?

To remove a user from the Discussion Forum you can 'Block' them on the **Network Contact** page.

See ***How to block a user if they leave your organisation.***

Please note, blocking a user through the Network Contact page will block their access completely. If you wish for the user to continue to have access to the Network Portal, just not the Discussion Forum, then please email Network staff and request the user be blocked from a certain group or the whole Forum.