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Dear Attorney-General

Response to Consultation Paper: Legal practitioners and conveyancers: a model for regulation under Australia's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regime

We write in respect of the above consultation paper and wish to support the submission made on behalf of the Law Council of Australia (Law Council), which was also contributed to by the Queensland Law Society (Society).

The Society is the peak professional body for the State's legal practitioners, over 10,000 of whom we represent, educate and support. In carrying out its central ethos of advocating for good law and good lawyers, the Society proffers views which are truly representative of its member practitioners.

The Society is an independent, apolitical representative body upon which government can rely to provide advice which promotes good, evidence-based law and policy.

The Society supports the recommendations made in the Law Council's submission. We believe these recommendations are required to deal with the important issues raised in the consultation paper that will heavily impact upon our members. In addition to the Law Council, we would be pleased to be involved in any further consultation on these issues.

If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Brodник, Policy Solicitor, on 3842 5851 or via email K.Brodnik@qls.com.au.

Yours faithfully



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