

Submission Template —Enabling corporate legal practitioners to support related entities of their employer

Please complete all relevant sections. Use plain language and provide evidence or examples where possible. You may attach supporting documents.

A. Submitter details

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B. Confidentiality and publication

- **Do you request that your submission (in full) be treated as confidential?**
No
 - **If 'No', may the Council publish your submission on its website, including your name/organisation?** Yes
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C. Detailed responses to consultation questions

Question 1 — Practical operation of the current framework

Does the current definition of “related entity” present practical difficulties for corporate legal practitioners employed by entities that are not a company within the meaning of the Corporations Act?

1. **Position:**
Yes
2. **Please provide details of any practical difficulties experienced:** The University’s related entities and wholly owned subsidiaries have closely tied administrative and legal relationships to the University’s operations. With the current, restricted definition of related entity applicable to corporate practitioner certificates, the University’s lawyers are currently unable to advise those entities and their staff and officeholders directly, without incurring substantial cost in either obtaining additional professional qualifications for practice management, without relevance to the day-to-day role of an in-house

lawyer, or alternatively engaging external legal firms to provide the relevant advice, which is neither cost effective or time efficient for the operational nature of the advice usually required. We would welcome a decision to expand the definition for employee practitioners of statutory corporations like ours to align with the existing expansive definition applied to employee practitioners of companies under the Corporations Act.

3. Additional comments (optional):

Question 2 —Reliance on the concept of “control” under section 50AA of the Corporations Act

If this issue is addressed by an amendment to the Uniform General Rules, do you support relying on the definition of “control” in section 50AA of the Corporations Act to capture related entities of entities that are not a company?

- 1. Position:**
Support
 - 2. Are there any alternative approaches the Council should consider?** We believe the proposed approach is sound and addresses the current gap.
 - 3. Rationale:**
 - 4. Additional comments (optional):**
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Question 3 —Potential implications and unintended consequences

If the potential reforms outlined at Q2 are progressed, could this cause any unintended consequences, and if so how should these be addressed?

- 1. Position:**
No
 - 2. Please identify any potential implications or unintended consequences:**
 - 3. Are there any safeguards, limitations or clarifications the Council should consider?**
 - 4. Additional comments (optional):**
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D. Attachments (optional)

Lodgement and deadline

- **Submit by email:** submissions@legalservicescouncil.org.au
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- **Closing date:** 22 July 2026
- **General enquiries:** lsc@legalservicescouncil.org.au