

LAW ADMISSIONS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

CHARTER

1. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee consists of the following members:

- (a) eight members, comprising one person nominated by the Chief Justice of each State and Territory;
- (b) three members, comprising one person nominated by each of the Council of Australian Law Deans, the Australasian Professional Legal Education Council and the Law Council of Australia;
- (c) a Chair and, if the Council of Chief Justices so determines, a Deputy Chair, appointed by the Council of Chief Justices

2. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

2.1 The functions of the Committee are to develop, consider and make recommendations about policies, procedures and other matters, directly or indirectly related to admission to the legal profession or to ensuring the continuing competence of its members.

2.2 In carrying out its functions, the Committee may have regard to the desirability that policies and procedures relating to admission should:

- (a) ensure that only persons with either or both appropriate qualifications and appropriate experience are admitted
- (a) be consistent, uniform and transparent, throughout Australia;
- (b) be consistent with the development of a national legal profession; and
- (c) be consistent with Australia's participation in the international demand for professional legal services.

2.3 Without limiting sub-clause 2.1, the Committee may develop, consider and make recommendations about:

- (a) qualifications and experience for admission to the legal profession;
- (b) the accreditation, monitoring and review of institutions, courses and programs to prepare persons for admission to the legal profession;
- (c) different classes of admission and the conditions to be attached to each class;
- (d) the suitability of applicants for admission to the legal profession; and
- (e) any matter referred to it by the Council of Chief Justices or the Admitting Authority of a State or Territory.

2.4 The Committee:

- (a) shall undertake such other functions as the Council of Chief Justices requests it to undertake; and
- (b) may undertake such other functions as it is empowered to undertake by a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory.

- 2.5 The Committee may make recommendations referred to in sub-clauses 2.1 and 2.3 to the Council of Chief Justices, the Law, Crime and Community Safety Council, any body relating to regulation of the legal profession, any Admitting Authority and such other persons or bodies as it considers appropriate.
- 2.6 In carrying out its functions, the Committee may consult with such persons or bodies as it considers appropriate.
- 2.7 The Committee must report to the Council of Chief Justices on its activities, at least annually.
- 2.8 Subject to this Charter, the Committee does not act as a committee of the Council of Chief Justices.