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To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my support for the ongoing role of the Tasmanian Legal Practice Course (TLPC) in our legal education system, particularly in light of the current review of Practical Legal Training.

I recently received a copy of the submission from the Centre for Legal Studies and the University of Tasmania regarding the proposed reforms, which I have attached for your convenience.

The matters addressed in this submission are crucial for Tasmania, given the unique nature of our legal profession and the essential role the TLPC plays in preparing graduates for legal practice in our state.

As the only Practical Legal Training provider in Tasmania, the TLPC has built strong relationships with the legal profession, judiciary, and courts over time. Its hands-on, face-to-face approach offers valuable opportunities for graduates to acquire essential skills and gain confidence before entering practice.

I am aware of the concerns about how the proposed reforms may affect smaller jurisdiction-based training providers. In particular, there is apprehension that reducing the duration of Practical Legal Training and shifting practical skills training into undergraduate law degrees a real backwards step for Tasmanian graduates.

While I understand the aim of keeping legal education up-to-date, accessible, and responsive to evolving professional needs, it is vital that reforms take into account the specific circumstances of smaller jurisdictions and maintain pathways that have proven effective for graduates and the profession alike.

I urge you to give careful consideration to the issues raised in the Tasmanian submission.

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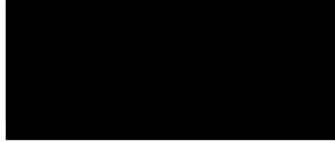
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Thank you for your dedication to reviewing Australia's legal education and admission framework. I appreciate the opportunity to share these thoughts and urge you to consider the Tasmanian perspective throughout this process.

Yours sincerely



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