



Message from the CEO, Heather Moore

December 2022

Hi and welcome to the first newsletter since I joined the team as Chief Executive Officer of the Legal Services Council and Commissioner for Uniform Legal Services Regulation.

It has been a busy and exciting start to my time as Commissioner! I have appreciated the warm welcome I've received and have valued the opportunity to connect or reconnect with so many of you, including by attending the Commissioners' lunch hosted by the Queensland Legal Services Commissioner, the 2022 Conference of Regulatory Officers and the Law Council of Australia's Gala Dinner.

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to thank the members of the Council, Admissions Committee, Law Admissions Consultative Committee and Audit and Risk Committee for their important work, and to thank all our stakeholders for their collaborative approach to Uniform Law issues. I would also like to thank the staff team for its work and support from my very first day, and to acknowledge the contribution of my predecessor, Megan Pitt, who stayed in the role for an extra month to ensure a smooth transition.

I wish you all a safe and joyous holiday period and look forward to working with you in 2023.

Appointment of new Council members

Andrew Pascoe and Joshua Thomson SC have been appointed as members of the Council from 31 October 2022 to 25 October 2023, being the balance of the Council's current term

of operation. We were delighted to welcome them at the November meeting of the Council, and to acknowledge Joshua's contribution as an observer since November 2018.



Andrew Pascoe is a practising lawyer in Western Australia. He became a partner of Allens in 2000 and now heads the corporate mergers and acquisitions practice for the Allens' Perth office, specialising in mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, ethics and professional responsibilities. Andrew is Chair of West Australian Opera and is a former member of the Legal Practice Board in Western Australia.



Joshua Thomson SC was appointed as the Solicitor-General of Western Australia in October 2018. He had been an independent barrister since 2001 and was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2012. He is a member of the Legal Practice Board in Western Australia.

Costs disclosure thresholds review

On 30 September 2022 the Council announced a review of the costs disclosure thresholds in the Legal Profession Uniform Law. The Council appointed Dr Matthew Butlin as an independent expert consultant to lead the Review and to provide a report to the Council. The Review will take an evidence-based approach to consider the effectiveness and regulatory impact of the costs disclosure thresholds, including how they measure up against the objectives of the Uniform Law. The Review may make recommendations for amendments to the Legal Profession Uniform General Rules, the costs disclosure forms and information sheets, and the Guidelines and Directions on costs estimates

The Review team has been meeting with designated local regulatory authorities, professional associations and departments in participating jurisdictions during November and December

and we are grateful for your feedback and assistance. We look forward to meeting with regulators and professional associations in the non-participating jurisdictions and consumer organisations early next year and to releasing an options paper.

Conference of Regulatory Officers

From 2 to 4 November 2022 the Council's policy team attended the highly-anticipated National Conference of Regulatory Officers in Brisbane, hosted by the Queensland Legal Services Commission, Queensland Law Society and Bar Association of Queensland. The CORO program offered insights into the changing world of legal services delivery and how they are consumed. It also provided valuable opportunities to meet or catch up with colleagues and stakeholders from participating and non-participating jurisdictions.

Christmas shutdown

We will be closed for the Christmas period from Monday 26 December 2022 and reopening on Monday 9 January 2023. We wish you and your loved ones a restful and wonderful holiday period and look forward to working with you again in the new year.



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