

27 September 2022

Megan Pitt
Chief Executive Officer
Legal Services Council
Commissioner for Uniform Legal Services Regulation
Level 3, 19 O'Connell St,
Sydney NSW 2000

By email:

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Dear Ms Megan Pitt,

Re: Consultation paper on conditional cost agreements

I write to you on behalf of the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited (ALS) and thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Legal Profession Uniform Amendment (Conditional Costs Agreement) Rule (No 2) 2022. The ALS also thanks the Legal Services Council (LSC) for its patience and for the additional time provided to allow the ALS to consider the consultation paper.

The ALS is a proud Aboriginal community-controlled organisation and the peak legal services provider to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults and children in NSW and the ACT. The ALS currently undertakes legal work in criminal law, children's care and protection law, and family law; as well as broader work in law reform and wrap-around programs for community wellbeing.

The ALS does not engage in matters that involve conditional cost agreements; however, we are supportive of the proposed amendments to the Uniform General Rules and of the efforts made to extend protections to the most vulnerable within our communities.

The ALS would welcome the opportunity to discuss this letter further. If you have any questions, please contact the ALS Policy and Advocacy Manager [REDACTED] via email on [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

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Nadine Miles
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Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited