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Dear Ms Pitt

CONSULTATION PAPER ON CONDITIONAL COSTS AGREEMENTS

Thank you for your letter dated 6 July 2022 inviting the Society to make a submission on the above inquiry.

This correspondence has been reviewed by the Law Society's Costs Committee and I provide the following comments in response.

The Law Society strongly supports the proposal of the Western Australian Attorney General on extending the prohibition on conditional costs agreements to include guardianship, adoption, and child protection proceedings in all Uniform Law jurisdictions. The policy reasons for prohibiting conditional cost agreements in these types of matters is sound and consistency across Uniform Law jurisdictions is desirable.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact [REDACTED], General Manager of Advocacy and Professional Development on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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