

THE NEW SOUTH WALES BAR ASSOCIATION BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 9 February 2017 in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association at 4.30 pm

PRESENT: Hutley SC; Moses SC; Game SC; Loukas SC; Callan;

Terracini SC; Weinstein SC; McHugh SC; Walker; Welsh; Katekar; Mitchelmore; Gleeson; Antipas; Roy; Hutchinson

APOLOGIES: Bell SC; Lonergan SC; Khandhar; Izzo; Higgins

<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Executive Director; Deputy Executive Director; Director,

Professional Conduct (for professional conduct matters)

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 8 December 2016 were confirmed.

FINANCE

Noted. Mary Walker declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of this matter.

MEMBERSHIP

The following were admitted as Class A – Local Practising Barrister – unless otherwise shown:

Megan Adams – B Port Macquarie, NSW Trevor Brock Forbes Chambers

Matthew Coates ODPP Newcastle

James Doyon – B Clashfern Chambers (Brisbane)
Lee Glover Parliamentary Counsel's Office

Fiona Gray ODPP Sydney Holly Kemp ODPP Sydney

Monika Knowles Joseph Manner – B Philip Swaine – B ODPP Parramatta Quay Central (Brisbane) Santos Place (Brisbane)

FOR INFORMATION

Letter to the Executive Director dated 2 December 2016 from the Legal Services Council – Uniform Law branding guide

Noted.

Minutes of the meeting of the Common Law Committee held on 6 December 2016

Noted.

Letter from the President dated 16 December 2016 to The Hon Victor Dominello MP – CTP insurer profit

<u>Noted</u>. Elizabeth Welsh updated the Bar Council on recent developments regarding the Government's CTP reforms. A joint alternative proposal from the legal profession regarding CTP reform has been provided to the Minister for Finance, and a meeting with him has been arranged for next week to discuss the proposal.

Letter from the President dated 27 January 2017 to The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP – Justice portfolio administrative arrangements

<u>Noted.</u> The Bar Council also noted that the President and Senior Vice-President would be meeting with the new Attorney in the near future. The new Attorney will be the senior Minister in the justice sector, not subservient to the Minister for Police as was the case under the previous "justice cluster" arrangements.

Letter from the President dated 1 February 2017 to The Hon Gabrielle Upton MP

Noted.

Letter from the President dated 1 February 2017 to The Hon Mark Speakman SC MP

Noted.

The following papers were circulated via e-mail prior to the Council meeting.

• Email to the Bar Council dated 12 December 2016 from the Deputy Executive Director - Joint Bar Association / Law Society media statement regarding justice

cluster arrangements

• Email to the Bar Council dated 13 December 2016 from the Executive Assistant –

ALRC indigenous incarceration

• Email to the Bar Council dated 15 December 2016 from the Executive Assistant –

MEDIA STATEMENT: Appointment of new Solicitor-General

• Email to the Bar Council dated 20 December 2016 from the Deputy Executive

Director – Letter to Premier regarding justice cluster arrangements

• Email to the Bar Council dated 17 January 2017 from the Deputy Executive

Director - Memo to Bar Council re CTP reform

The meeting closed at 4:50pm.

Confirmed as a correct record:

Noel Hutley SC <u>President</u>

Date: