



NEW SOUTH WALES  
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 10 August 2017  
in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association  
at 4.30 pm

**PRESENT:** Moses SC; Loukas SC; Game SC; Bell SC; Callan; SC;  
Weinstein SC; Nomchong SC; McHugh SC; Shead SC (by  
phone); Walker; Welsh; Khandhar; Katekar; Mitchelmore;  
Izzo; Higgins; Antipas; Roy (by phone)

**APOLOGIES:** Terracini; Gleeson; Hutchinson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Executive Director; Deputy Executive Director; Director,  
Professional Conduct (for professional conduct matters)

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 27 June 2017 were confirmed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) CTP reforms – Elizabeth Welsh provided the Bar Council with an update on the progress of the Government’s proposed regulations regarding the definition of “minor injury”. The Bar Council noted that draft correspondence which had been prepared to the Premier and Minister opposing the Government’s proposal, and agreed that the views of the Law Society and Australian Lawyers Alliance should be sought as to whether they supported a joint letter to the Government in this regard.
- (b) Same sex marriage – The Bar Council agreed that it supported the making of a public statement indicating the Association’s support for marriage equality legislation and encouraging members of the community to vote in the upcoming postal plebiscite.

## FOR INFORMATION

Letter to the President dated 31 July 2017 from the Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General – Funding for community legal centres, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services and Legal Aid Commissions.

Noted.

Letter to the Attorney General dated 31 July 2017 from the President – *Crimes (Administration of Sentences) (Parole) Bill 2017* and the *Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Amendment (Sentencing Options) Bill 2017*

Noted.

Letter to the Attorney General dated 3 August 2017 from the President – Proposed changes to the jurisdictional limit of the Small Claims Division

Noted.

The meeting closed at 6.05pm.

*Confirmed as a correct record:*

Arthur Moses SC  
President

Date: