



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

**THE NEW SOUTH WALES BAR ASSOCIATION
BAR COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday 7 December 2017
in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association
at 4.30 pm**

PRESENT: Moses SC; Loukas SC; Game SC; Bell SC; Mitchelmore;
Weinstein SC; Nomchong SC; McHugh SC; Morgan SC;
Walker; Khandhar; Williams; Rayment; Izzo; Callan; Roy;
Mack; Ensor

APOLOGIES: Gormly SC, Katekar, Whittaker

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 16 November 2017

Noted.

DRAFT EDITED MINUTES

**Draft edited Minutes dated 8 June 2017; draft edited Minutes dated 22 June 2017; draft
edited Minutes dated 27 July 2017; draft edited Minutes dated 10 August 2017**

Noted.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAR
COUNCIL OF 16 November 2017**

Noted.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AS AT 30 November 2017

Noted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Noted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Noted.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Peter Berg	2 Selborne Chambers
Sebastian De Brennan	Australia Square, Sydney
Christopher Gunson SC	Derwent & Tamar Chambers TAS
Grace Kenny	10 St James Hall Chambers
Savitha Swami	Frederick Jordan Chambers

FOR CONSIDERATION

Email to The President dated 17 November 2017 from the Chair of the Industrial Law Section – Proposal for renaming and reforming of the Industrial Law Section

RESOLVED to establish an Industrial, Employment and Health and Safety Law Committee with the following Charter:

- To engage with barristers practicing in the industrial, employment and health and safety areas and to ensure a sense of collegiality and best practice amongst those members;
- To organise seminars/lectures/discussions to deal with developments in industrial, employment and health and safety law;
- In consultation with the President, to act as a liaison between the Bar Association and its members and the various courts and tribunals engaged in industrial, employment and health and safety matters; and

- To assist the Bar Association in dealing with government on industrial, employment and health and safety matters.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 23 November 2017 from the Executive Director – Proposal for Establishment of a First Nations Committee

RESOLVED to establish a NSW Bar First Nations Committee with following Charter:

1. To represent the NSW Bar Association and its members on legal policy and practice issues relating to First Nations people including:
 - a) reviewing policies and procedures for the Bar Council and NSW Bar Association to ensure the First Nations peoples' perspective is considered where relevant;
 - b) advocating for the rights of Indigenous peoples on systemic issues of policy such as Indigenous incarceration, discrimination and the impact of domestic violence on indigenous communities.
2. To encourage and support Indigenous people to consider a career in the law and at the Bar;
3. To support First Nations members of the profession;
4. To organise educational seminars for members regarding issues relating to Indigenous affairs;
5. To develop and monitor the implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan; and
6. To provide advice to Bar Council on matters relating to First Nations affairs as required.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the first iteration of the Committee will be selected by the President with at least 2 members (1 male and 1 female) of the Committee being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

The Bar Council also noted the substantial contribution to the work of the Indigenous Barristers Trust Fund and the Indigenous Barristers Strategy Working Party made by Ronalds SC over many years.

Memorandum to Bar Council dated 24 November 2017 from the Finance Manager - Insurance Disclosure

Noted. Bar Councillors agreed to provide any relevant information to the Deputy Executive Director.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 30 November 2017 from the Deputy Executive Director – Bar Council Committees – Tenure & Governance

It was agreed that any Bar Councillors with suggested amendments to the proposed recommendations contained in the memorandum should provide them to the Deputy Executive Director to enable the item to be considered further at the next Bar Council meeting.

FOR INFORMATION

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance, Investment & Audit Committee – 24 November 2017

Noted.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm.

Confirmed as a correct record:

Arthur Moses SC
President

Date: