

THE NEW SOUTH WALES BAR ASSOCIATION BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 13 August 2015 in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association at 4.30 pm

PRESENT: Needham SC; Moses SC; Doyle Gray; Bennett AC QC;

Menzies QC; Sullivan QC; Phillips SC; Game SC; Cunneen SC; Walker; Khandhar; Wood; Stitt; Callan; Hyde Page;

Antipas; Sethi

APOLOGIES: Hutley SC; Hogan-Doran; Traill; Toomey

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

Professional Conduct (for professional conduct matters);

Executive Assistant

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 30 July 2015 were confirmed.

The Executive minutes of the meeting of 14 July 2015 were noted.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 27 July 2015 from Manager, Professional Conduct – Professional Conduct Quarterly Report for the period 1 March 2015 – 30 June 2015

Noted.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 30 July 2015 from Manager, Professional Conduct – Professional Conduct Statistics for year end 30 June 2015

<u>Noted</u>. Bar Council expressed its thanks to the Manager, Professional Conduct and Professional Conduct staff for their efforts over the last year.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Mark Campbell – B Owen Dixon Chambers (Melb)

Domonique Elder – B

Philip Gledson

David Harris

Peter Horobin

State Chambers

2 Selborne Chambers

5 Wentworth Chambers

Nigel Bowen Chambers

Keni JosifoskiNew ChambersChristoph LiedermannChalfont ChambersKyle McDonald – BIsaacs Chambers (Melb)

Claire O'Neill Forbes Chambers
Desmond Sweeney Level 22 Chambers
Sam Sykes 9 Selborne Chambers

FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 4 August 2015 from the co-chairs of the Equitable Briefing Working Party

<u>RESOLVED</u> to approve the provision of the draft report 'Review of the Application in New South Wales of the Equitable Briefing Policy of the Law Council of Australia', subject to amendments to the suggested obligations of Senior Counsel in proposed Recommendation 2 of the document, to the Law Council so that it may distribute the draft to its constituent bodies for consideration as a national platform for equitable briefing.

Menzies QC, Sullivan QC and Phillips SC requested that their dissent be recorded.

Bar Council noted that the Executive had already approved release of the relevant data under the 2014 Survey Data Protocol for the purposes of the Equitable Briefing Working Party.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 11 August 2015 from Arthur Moses SC, Junior Vice-President – Potential implications of Bar Council's duty to report suspected offences pursuant to s.465 of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law (NSW) (2014 No. 16a)*

Bar Council agreed to defer this item for consideration at a future meeting.

FOR INFORMATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 15 June 2015 from the ADR Committee – Renewal of membership of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration

Noted. Walker noted that approval has been granted for renewal of the Association's corporate membership of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration for a four year term from 1 July. She requested whether information could be provided as to whether a similar arrangement applied when the Association originally took out its ACICA corporate membership in 2011.

Law Council of Australia Unconfirmed Minutes of the Directors' Meeting held on 27 June 2015

Noted.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 28 July 2015 from Policy Lawyer – Information of individuals who did not renew their practicing certificate

Noted.

Letter to the President from The Hon David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary – Independent Commission Against Corruption (Validation) Act 2015

Noted.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Practice Development Committee held on 29 July 2015

Noted.

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

- Email to the Bar Council dated 23 July 2015 from the Executive Assistant Inquiries and Consultations List – 20 July 2015
- Email to the Bar Council dated 27 July 2015 from the Executive Assistant AAL Lecture paper
- Email to the Bar Council dated 31 July 2015 from the Deputy Executive Director Civil Justice Collaboration Group

Email to the Bar Council dated 5 August 2015 from the Deputy Executive Director

 Gabrielle Upton media release new specialist Judges appointed to support victims
 of child sexual assault

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Confirmed as a correct record:

Jane Needham SC <u>President</u>

Date: