



NEW SOUTH WALES  
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 1 May 2014  
in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association  
at 4.30 pm

**PRESENT:** Boulten SC; Hutley SC; McHugh SC; Toomey; Temby QC;  
Street SC; Moses SC; McGrath SC; Traill; Walker; Healey;  
Morris; Stone; Khandhar; Callan; Gleeson; Page;  
Dobraszczyk

**APOLOGIES:** Needham SC; Game SC; Hunt

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 10 April 2014 were confirmed.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 15 APRIL 2014

Noted. Bar Council discussed the Executive's decision concerning the proposed abolition of the Health, Sport and Recreation Committee for 2014-15. It was agreed that the President would bring a note to Bar Council at its next policy meeting to formally seek the Council's approval to discontinue this committee.

MEMBERSHIP

The following were admitted as Class A – Local Practising Barrister.

Brin Anniwell  
Ann Bonnor

Seven Wentworth Chambers  
Forbes Chambers

Adrian Coombes  
 Jonathon Dooley  
 Michelle Fernando  
 Danielle Forrester  
 Mark Fozzard  
 Peter Godkin  
 Natasha Hammond  
 Slade Howell  
 Evan James  
 Fiona Jowett  
 Edmund Lee  
 Simon Lees  
 Rachel Mansted  
 Patrick Meagher  
 Victoria O'Halloran  
 Daniel Roff  
 Adam Russoniello  
 Aruna Sathanapally  
 Geoffrey Simpson  
 Melissa Tovey  
 Edwina Whitby  
 Edward Yin

2 Wentworth Chambers  
 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Selborne Chambers  
 Samuel Griffith Chambers  
 Banco Chambers  
 15 Wardell Chambers  
 6 Windeyer Chambers  
 Martin Place Chambers  
 Forbes Chambers  
 11 Garfield Barwick Chambers  
 Elizabeth Street, Sydney  
 Lane Cove, NSW  
 7 Selborne Chambers  
 11 Wentworth Chambers  
 5<sup>th</sup> Floor St James Hall  
 13 Selborne/Wentworth  
 11 Garfield Barwick Chambers  
 Seven Wentworth Chambers  
 12 Wentworth Chambers  
 Marbury Chambers  
 Blackstone Chambers  
 Nigel Bowen Chambers  
 Parramatta, NSW

## FOR CONSIDERATION

### **Memorandum to Bar Council dated 10 April 2014 from the President – Senior Counsel Selection Committee 2014**

RESOLVED to approve the Executive Director's memorandum concerning the composition of the 2014 Senior Counsel Selection Committee. It was also agreed that, in future years, the 'eminent person' on the Committee be replaced every two years, while the 'independent' representative on the Committee be replaced in alternate years.

### **Memorandum to Bar Council dated 10 April 2014 from Executive Director – Exempting the Senior Counsel application process from provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988 (C'th)***

## RESOLVED

- i. not to apply for a Public Interest Determination to exempt the senior counsel selection process from the provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988 (C'th)*; and
- ii. that applicants for appointment as Senior Counsel continue to be asked to sign the clause acknowledging that the information collected as part of the process is confidential in terms of the National Privacy Principles and that the information will

be kept confidential and not made available to the applicant; and if they decline to sign the confidentiality undertaking, the fact they have done so will be notified to all persons who may be consulted about the application.

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

- Email to the Bar Council dated 11 April 2014 from Deputy Executive Director – Legal Services Expenditure for 2012-2013 by the Australian Government
- Law Council of Australia – Inquiries and Consultations List – 14 April 2014
- Email to the Bar Council dated 17 April 2014 from Executive Assistant – Access to Justice – Productivity Commissioner Draft Report
- Law Council of Australia – Inquiries and Consultations List – 22 April 2014
- Email to the Bar Council dated 28 April 2014 from Deputy Executive Director – letter to AG re changes in the Justice portfolio
- Law Council of Australia – Inquiries and Consultations List – 28 April 2014
- Email to the Bar Council dated 29 April 2014 from Deputy Executive Director – Submission on amendments to *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*
- Email to the Bar Council dated 30 April 2014 from Deputy Executive Director – Letter to Premier re Justice Portfolio arrangements

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

*Confirmed as a correct record:*

Phillip Boulten SC  
President

Date: