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Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
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Dear Ms Dennett

Inquiry into the Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Bill 2012

I refer to your letter of 2 November 2012 to my predecessor, Mr Bönig, inviting the Society to consider the Inquiry into the *Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Bill 2012 (the Bill)*.

The Bill was referred to the Society's Administrative Law Committee, Family Law Committee, Civil Litigation Committee and Aboriginal Issues Committee. The main objectives of the Bill are to amend the current administrative structures and processes of the National Native Title Tribunal, the Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia. These amendments aim to achieve savings and operational efficiencies into the future.

The Society appreciates the opportunity to consider this matter, however on this occasion we will not be providing comments. We also note that our submission does not include a review of any other consequential amendments that may be relevant to the Inquiry. We would be interested to be kept informed of the progress of the Bill.

Yours sincerely

John White
PRESIDENT