

OF JURISTS

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Mr Peter Hallahan

Parliament House

Dear Secretary,

Yours faithfully,

The Committee Secretary

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Inquiry into access to justice

Re: Inquiry into Australia's Judicial System and the role of judges

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I enclose a submission to the committee on behalf of International Commission of Jurists Australia and Gordon

relation to the Inquiry into Australia's Judicial System and the role of judges.

Treasurer
Tahlia Gordon

A submission on behalf of the Australian section is being prepared on the Inquiry into access to justice by the Victorian branch of International Commission of Jurists Australia (ICJA).

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Either one of the other members of ICJA or I would be prepared to give evidence or to supplement in the Hon Jeffrey Miles material which we have provided.

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