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Dear Mr Hallahan

**Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Inquiry into the Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 (Cth)**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Hansard transcript of evidence for the Committee's hearing in Canberra on 7 August 2008.

Please find attached the Australian Law Reform Commission response to a question on notice that appears on page 3 of the Hansard transcript.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Dobinson'.

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ALRC response to Question on Notice (Hansard transcript of evidence for the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee hearing on Inquiry into the Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 in Canberra on 7 August 2008, page 3)

Prof. McCrimmon—They were concerned about section 60 of the evidence act, which is the section which provides that if evidence is admitted for any other purpose it can be used for the purpose of hearsay. That is something that did cause them concern. Again, I am trying to recall if we had a submission from the Queensland criminal bar. I do not recall. I would have to take that on notice.

Senator BRANDIS—What about the Queensland Bar Association?

Prof. McCrimmon—I cannot recall, I am sorry.

Senator BRANDIS—Could you take that on notice? If you did have a submission from the Queensland Bar Association, could you favour us with a copy of it, please?

Prof. McCrimmon—Yes.

ALRC Response: The Australian Law Reform Commission review of *Evidence Act 1995* (Cth) did not receive a submission from the Queensland Bar Association.