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OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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Ms Margery Nicoll
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Dear Ms Nicoll,

Establishment of a federal parole authority: intended policy advocacy project

We refer to your memorandum of 4 May 2022, seeking the Law Society's view on the establishment of a federal parole authority.

The Law Society agrees with the Law Council's position and views on this matter. We support the Law Council advocating for the establishment of a federal parole authority as the independent decision-maker on parole applications by federal offenders (replacing the current role of the Commonwealth Attorney-General).

We look forward to ongoing consultation with the Law Council as this project progresses.

Thank you for seeking the Law Society's feedback.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne van der Plaats
President