



THE LAW SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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Fee Review
IP Australia
PO Box 200
WODEN ACT 2606

Dear Sir/Madam,

Fees Review 2019-2020

The Law Society of NSW appreciates the opportunity to comment on IP Australia's current fees and fee structure. The views of the Law Society are informed by its Business Law Committee.

We acknowledge that the 2019-20 fee review reflects IP Australia's commitment to ensuring its cost recovery arrangements continue to be in line with the Australian Government Charging Framework. We support the aim of ensuring that IP Australia sets fees that are consistent, transparent and will recover the costs associated with administering the IP Rights system.

Our feedback from members is that the level of fees currently charged is reasonable, particularly in the context of fees payable in other jurisdictions. If the fee level can be maintained, we consider that the aim of supporting innovators by balancing fees with the cost of doing business will be met.

If you have any questions about this submission, please contact Liza Booth, Principal Policy Lawyer, at liza.booth@lawsociety.com.au or on (02) 9926 0202.

Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth Espinosa,
President