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Individuals and Indirect Tax Division  
The Treasury  
Langton Crescent  
PARKES ACT 2600

By email: [TPBreview@treasury.gov.au](mailto:TPBreview@treasury.gov.au)

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Review of the Tax Practitioners Board- Terms of reference**

The Law Society of NSW appreciates the opportunity to respond to the terms of reference of the review into the effectiveness of the Tax Practitioners Board ("TPB") and the operation of the *Tax Agent Services Act 2009* ("Act") and the *Tax Agent Services Regulations 2009*.

We have had the opportunity to consider a draft of the submission by the Law Council of Australia ("LCA").

We note the priority areas for consideration identified in the LCA submission. We support consideration of the following issues:

- the role and independence of the Chair and Board,
- the source of funding for the Board, and
- staffing, both in terms of head count and whether or not they are employed directly by the Board.

We look forward to the release of a Discussion Paper, as foreshadowed, later this year.

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

Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth Espinosa,  
**President**