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Ms Rachel Simpson  
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Standing Committee on State Development  
Parliament House  
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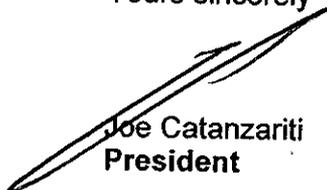
Dear Ms Simpson

**Inquiry in New South Wales Planning Framework**

In responding to the Standing Committee's call for submissions on issues relevant to trends in planning and the principles that should guide further developments in planning legislation, the Law Society's Environmental Planning and Development Committee is pleased to provide you with copies of submissions made by the Law Society committees last year in relation to improving the New South Wales planning system.

The Environmental Planning and Development Committee believes that there is a continuing need for systematic review of the New South Wales planning regime and, as recognised by the Council of Australian Governments reform agenda, there are imperatives for national compatibility. The desirability of providing efficient and environmentally sound planning and development control was a particular focus of the attached submissions and I commend them to you.

Yours sincerely



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President

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