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Joanne van der Plaat is Senior Vice President and Councillor of the Law Society of New South Wales. Joanne is also Co-Chair of the Law Society of New South Wales Rural Issues Committee, Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee and a member of the Disclosure Committee.

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