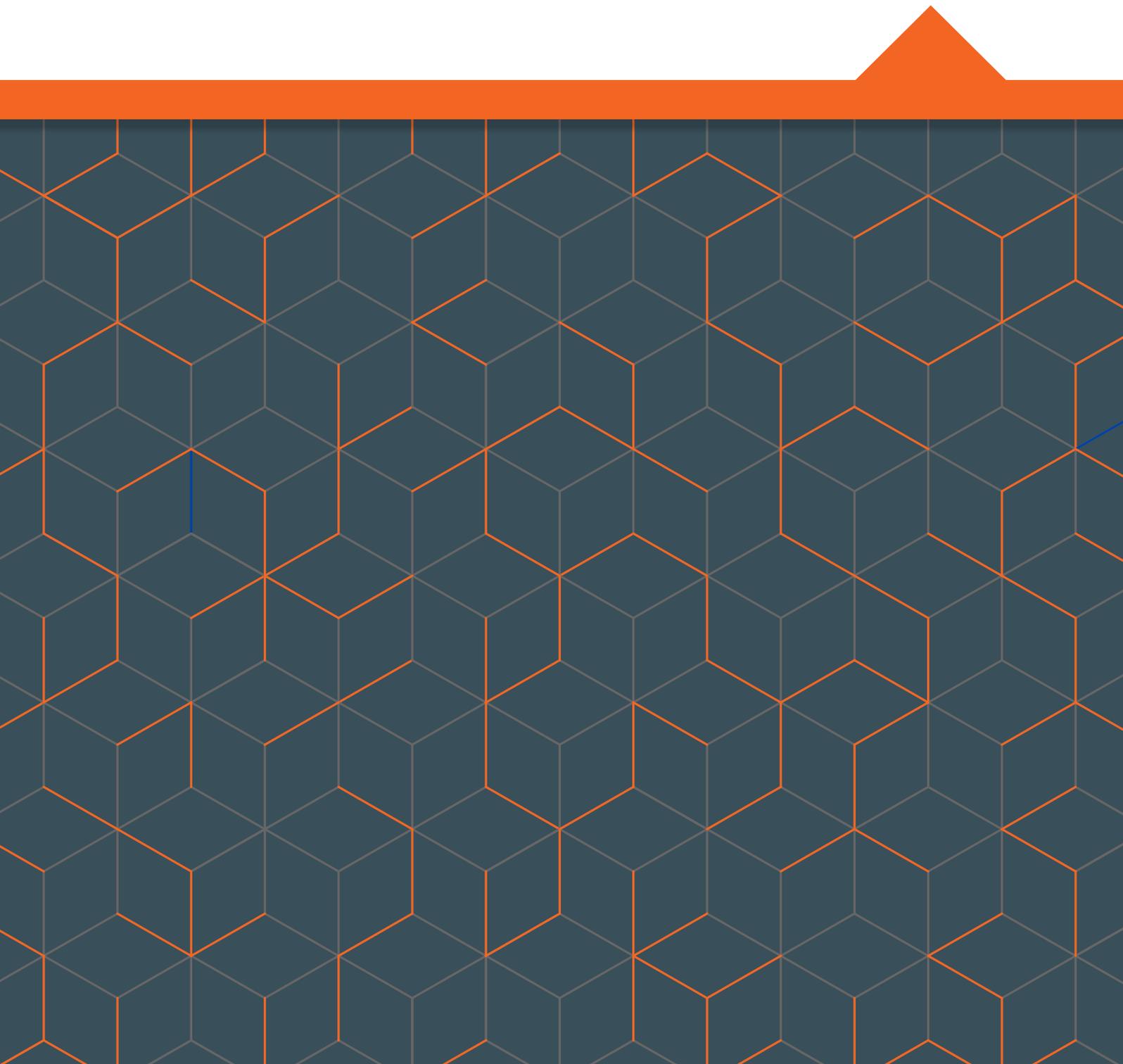




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Introduction

The Law Society’s committees are committees of the Council with powers, authorities and tasks delegated by the Council. They are established as a source of expert advice and assistance to Council, the Law Society and the profession and are convened annually on the basis of need.

The committees’ functions vary somewhat from committee to committee but, typically, are as follows:

- a source of policy proposals and reform initiatives
- a forum for consideration of practical issues and resolution of problems
- a review body and commentator (in relation to legislation, discussion papers, reports, etc)
- a monitor of practice standards and advocate for ongoing training and skills development
- a liaison body

Committees have an important role, and the way in which they perform is integral to the professionalism of Council’s decision making and the performance of the Law Society as a whole. Members’ participation is welcomed and is critical to the success of committees.

Law Society Council Committee Oversight



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Alternative Dispute Resolution

2024 membership:

G. Ulman (Chair), M. Ziegler (Deputy Chair), Judge K. Andronos, P. Argy, F. Bayari, T. Cullenward, K. David, G. Ettinger, G. Fabiani, O. Finemore, D. FitzGerald, S. Kendall, P. Lewis, J. McDermott, N. Malhotra, M. Mills, S. O'Connor, P. Onisforou, J. Robb, Dr A. Roy, C. Seil, K. Wu, N. Harvey (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

G. Ulman (Chair), J. Robb (Deputy Chair), Judge K. Andronos, P. Argy, F. Bayari, L. Bishkov, T. Cullenward, G. Ettinger, G. Fabiani, D. FitzGerald, C. Hutchinson, S. Kendall, P. Lewis, J. McDermott, B. McGrath, N. Malhotra (until April 2025), M. Mills, B. Morrow, B. Musry (from April 2025), S. O'Connor, P. Onisforou, Dr A. Roy, S. White, M. Ziegler, N. Harvey (until May 2025) / J. Kim (from May 2025) (Policy Lawyers).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to all forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law and the application of ADR, ADR skills and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2025:

- Conduct a preliminary analysis of the data from the "Alternative Dispute Resolution in 2024 and Beyond" survey and prepare an interim report
- The review and promotion of the Law Society's ADR resources including, but not limited to, the Lawyer Mediator Accreditation Scheme, the Model Clause and pro bono mediation
- Conduct a case study of Section 14 of the *Mediation Act 2017* (Ireland) and similar legislation internationally:
 - a. to evaluate if similar pre-litigation requirements should be recommended for New South Wales
 - b. to hold a professional development event on this topic in late 2025
- Invite occasional guest speakers to address the Committee on a range of ADR topics and issues

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- The Law Society of New South Wales Lawyer Mediator Accreditation Scheme was launched at the 2024 Annual Conference
- The Law Society, in conjunction with its ADR Committee, conducted a survey of the profession, "Alternative Dispute Resolution in 2024 and Beyond" to better understand their current use of ADR and their needs in 2024 and beyond
- On 31 October 2024, the Committee held their annual CPD event "Mastering dispute avoidance - agree on how you'll disagree"
- Justice Sara Phelan of the High Court of Ireland joined the ADR Committee meeting on 19 March 2025 to discuss the decision of *Byrne v Arnold*, concerning Section 14 of the *Mediation Act 2017* (Ireland), under which practitioners are required to advise their clients about mediation, including providing details of appropriate mediators and evidence this in a statutory declaration, before commencing litigation

The Committee contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- Changes to building legislation in NSW - multiple submissions
- Closure of Community Justice Centres

Business Law

2024 membership:

A. Cerny (Chair), T. Masters (Deputy Chair), A. Balis, S. Brown, V. Caldwell, D. Chien, O. Fischbein, M. Gupta, P. Harrison, J. Iyer, M. Lo, K. McLean, T. Mierendorff, K. Redenbach, B. Roe, F. Schoneveld, L. Serafim, R. Snowden, R. Staltare, J. Stathis, T. Stevensen, C. Sylow, S. Hewison (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

A. Cerny (Chair), T. Masters (Deputy Chair), V. Caldwell, J. Chee, S. Chu, S. Cohen, O. Fischbein, M. Gupta, K. Harris, P. Harrison, J. Iyer, Dr M. Leighton-Daly, M. Lo, K. Redenbach, B. Roe, L. Serafim, R. Snowden, R. Staltare, J. Stathis, T. Stevensen, D. Stott, C. Sylow. S. Hewison (Policy Lawyer).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to business law. Without limiting the Committee's area of review, subcommittees have been convened for the following specific areas of law, which fall within the Committee's consideration:

- Competition and consumer
- Commercial and corporate
- Financial services
- Intellectual property and technology
- Insolvency and restructuring
- Taxation

The Committee's priorities include:

- developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2025:

- Respond to consultations initiated by Treasury (NSW and Commonwealth), the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, the Australian Taxation Office and the NSW Department of Customer Service.
- Monitoring legal and policy developments in relation to:
 - competition and consumer law including regulation of the airline, insurance and supermarket industries and international trade
 - tax law and practice developments, including legal practitioners' interactions with the Australian Taxation Office
 - financial services, including superannuation, private capital markets and reforms to the anti-money laundering / counter terrorism finance regime
 - the innovative use of data, artificial intelligence and other technology in the business law context
- Consideration of issues in relation to climate change transition risk, including impact on insurance law

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Participated in the Standards Australia Technical Committee HB 325-20008: Assuring probity in decision making
- Participated in stakeholder roundtables with the Australian Taxation Office as part of the Foreign Investment Stakeholder Group
- Participated in the ASIC Regional Liaison Committee

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- ACNC Consultation on Draft Public Benevolent Institution Documents
- Australia's Evolving Capital Markets: A discussion paper on the dynamics between public and private markets
- Changes to building legislation in NSW – multiple submissions
- Consultation Paper – Statutory Review of the Meetings and Documents Amendments
- Discussion Paper – Review of small business experiences with regulatory policymaking
- Impact of Climate Risk on Insurance Premiums and Availability
- Review of eligibility requirements for registration with the Tax Practitioners Board 2025:
- The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

> Business Law, continued

- AFCA Consultation paper - Approach to superannuation death benefit complaints
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Framework reforms - Multiple submissions
- Changes to building legislation in NSW - multiple submissions
- Inquiry into the Application of the Contractor and Employment Agent Provisions in the *Payroll Tax Act 2007* (NSW)
- Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Relief to Medical Centres - Commissioner's Practice Note
- Review of the NSW Home Building Compensation Scheme
- Scams Prevention Framework - exposure draft legislation
- *State Revenue and Fines Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Act 2022* Review
- Strata Managing Agents Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
- Treasury Discussion Paper - Review of AI and the Australian Consumer Law
- Use of artificial intelligence in the Federal Court of Australia

Children's Legal Issues

2024 membership:

J. Clifford (Chair), K. Phillips (Deputy Chair), K. Bromley, N. Callander, E. Canning, R. Carty, I. Caulfield, S. Clarke, Z. De Re, R. Frankham, L. Goodwin, A. Hall, S. Hargans, S. Ienna, K. Kelso, E. Leong, E. Mathenge, G. Mojtahedi, Inspector T. Moore, E. Morris (from October 2024), D. Neligan, S. Niles, Z. Robinson, A. Ross, K. Rowley, J. Smith, J. Stanton, S. Sunna, R. Ward, G. Lea (until August 2024) / C. Daly (from August to November 2024) / J. Fodera (from November 2024) (Policy Lawyers).

2025 membership:

J. Clifford (Chair), K. Phillips (Deputy Chair), K. Bromley, N. Callander, E. Canning, R. Carty, I. Caulfield, S. Clarke, N. David (from April 2025), Z. De Re, M. Dimech, R. Frankham, Z. Gillies, K. Goodacre, L. Goodwin, A. Hall, S. Hargans, S. Ienna, K. Kelso, E. Leong, E. Mathenge, D. Menser, G. Mojtahedi, Inspector T. Moore, S. Niles, A. Pearson, Z. Robinson, A. Ross (until April 2025), K. Rowley, J. Smith, J. Stanton, M. Waterhouse, J. Fodera (Policy Lawyer).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to children and child rights, both in the civil (including care and protection matters) and criminal contexts.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

In addition to any matters referred to it by the Council, President or CEO from time to time, the Committee will have the following priority issues for 2025:

- Advocating for young people in NSW custody on issues such as:
 - The minimum age of criminal responsibility
 - The impact of new youth bail laws and processes, including section 22C *Bail Act 2013* (NSW) and the centralisation of bail courts
 - Avenues for diversion from the Criminal Justice System
 - Promoting Target 11 initiatives under Closing the Gap
- The overrepresentation of Indigenous children in the NSW child protection and criminal justice systems, including monitoring Closing the Gap Targets and implementation of the Family is Culture recommendations
- The intersection of education, children in out of home care, and the criminal justice system in NSW
- Monitoring online safety legislation in relation to children and young people, with a focus on the impact of artificial intelligence
- Finalising the updated Representation Principles for Children's Lawyers and exploring planning a launch event
- Out of home care issues, including accommodation, case management and leaving care
- Child protection reform, including remaining abreast of relevant inquiries, reports and the implementation of reforms
- Fines issued to children and young people

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- The Committee represented the Law Society on, and contributed to, the work of various Groups and Committees, including the Children's Court Care Working Group, Children's Court Crime Working Group, and the Child Justice Policy Lawyers Network
- The Committee liaised with the NSW Department of Communities and Justice, the NSW Department of Education, Youth Justice NSW, Legal Aid NSW, the Children's Court of NSW, the NSW Police Force, the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian and the office of the Advocate for Children and Young People on various matters in the civil (including care and protection matters) and criminal contexts
- The Committee is exploring ways to promote the work of care and protection lawyers and to encourage young lawyers to enter this field, including preparing a new CPD item, Law Society podcasts with care and protection practitioners, and LSJ articles about the field

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- Care and Protection Practice Notes and Forms
- School searches and confiscations
- Supreme Court Practice Note - Adoptions

> Children’s Legal Issues, continued

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- 2025 Federal Election
- 2025-26 Budget
- Bail Act - section 22C
- Bail Compliance checks in NSW Issues Paper
- Bail Proceedings (Centralised Bail Courts) Practice Note
- Children’s Court legislative reforms - multiple submissions
- *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Regulation 2019* (NSW)
- Discussion paper - Review of the *Surrogacy Act 2010* (NSW) and the *Status of Children Act 1996* (NSW)
- Draft Policy Statement on Child Justice Reform
- Family Law Amendment Bill 2024
- Female genital mutilation reforms - multiple submissions
- Good Character at Sentencing - multiple submissions
- Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Legal assistance funding - multiple submissions
- Name and gender records at school
- NSW Drug Summit 2024
- Order 6 in Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders
- Police or Department of Communities and Justice interviews at school
- Remake of the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Regulation 2017* (NSW)
- Review of the operation of *Doli Incapax* in NSW for children under 14
- Senate Inquiry into Australia’s youth justice and incarceration system
- *Surrogacy Amendment (Qualified Counsellors) Regulation 2025* (NSW)
- The Firearms Prohibition Order Scheme
- UN General Comment on Children’s Rights to Access to Justice and Effective Remedies

Criminal Law

2024 membership:

J. Sanders (Chair), M. Mantaj (Deputy Chair), C. Bell, R. Breckenridge, V. Chan, E. Conditis, D. Elston, B. Ford, P. Gibson, D. Giddy, E. Hoile, R. Hoyles, S. Ienna, S. Joyner, L. Kaban, J. King, J. Lewis, R. McCarthy, J. Ramsland, S. Rees, T. Spohr, J. Sutton, Deputy Chief Magistrate T. Tsavdaridis, R. Tumeth, F. Way, A. Whitehead, J. Wong, C. Daly (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

J. Sanders (Chair), R. Hoyles (Deputy Chair), C. Bell, R. Breckenridge, D. Captain-Webb, V. Chan, J. Chin, E. Conditis, D. Elston, P. Gibson, M. Grimes, E. Hoile, S. Ienna, S. Joyner (until May 2025), L. Kaban, J. King (until March 2025), R. Macken, R. McCarthy, M. Mantaj, J. Nunn (from March 2025), J. Rafeeq, M. Ramsland, S. Rees, V. Roles, T. Spohr, J. Sutton, Deputy Chief Magistrate T. Tsavdaridis, R. Tumeth, F. Way, A. Whitehead, J. Wong, C. Daly (until March 2025) / J. Fodera (from March 2025) (Policy Lawyers).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to criminal law and to uphold the rule of law.

The role of the Criminal Law Committee is to review and comment on law and policy affecting criminal justice and to assist in the just and orderly development of the criminal law, having regard to:

- the interests of people affected by, and involved in, the criminal justice system
- the rights of people charged with criminal offences and the rights of people in custody
- the interests of people with intellectual disability, cognitive impairment and mental health issues as they are affected by the criminal law
- the rights of Indigenous Australians

Committee priority issues for 2025

In addition to any matters referred to it by the Council, President or CEO from time to time, the Committee will have the following priority issues for 2025:

- Monitoring and contributing to the development of priority initiatives of the Local Court of NSW, including centralising bail courts and conducting super call overs
- Resourcing of the NSW criminal justice system, including Commonwealth funding, resourcing for justice agencies and Courts, digital infrastructure, diversionary initiatives and specialist and therapeutic Court processes
- Reducing Indigenous incarceration rates, including monitoring and supporting the expansion of the Walama list
- Improving outcomes for the broader community and vulnerable groups, including through diversion from the criminal justice system
- Improving prosecutorial disclosure in criminal cases

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Committee members represented the Law Society on, and contributed to the work of, various external Groups and Committees, including the Criminal Business Committee, Bail Court Monitoring Group, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Disclosure Working Group, Early Appropriate Guilty Plea Working Group, Child Sexual Offence Evidence Program Rollout Implementation Committee
- The Committee liaised with key stakeholders on matters related to the effective functioning of the criminal justice system and criminal justice law reform, including the Department of Communities and Justice, the Local Court of NSW, Corrective Services NSW, and Courts Tribunals and Service Delivery

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- Audio-visual link appearances in courts
- Australian Law Reform Commission Inquiry into Justice Responses to Sexual Violence
- Bail and Other Legislation Amendment (Domestic Violence) Bill 2024
- Bail Division – multiple submissions
- Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
- *Fines Act 1996* (NSW)
- Good character in sentencing
- Operational Changes to Bail Decisions
- Review of Local Court Domestic and Family Violence Practice Notes – multiple submissions
- Road Transport Legislation Amendment (Post-Crash Drug and Alcohol Testing) Bill
- Statement on Bail by Chief Justice of New South Wales
- Unfit defendants
- Witness Protection Amendment Bill 2024

> Criminal Law, continued

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- 2025-26 Budget
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Framework reforms
- Astill Special Commission of Inquiry
- Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031
- Bail Act
- Bail Amendment (Ban on Independent Electronic Monitoring) Bill 2025
- Bail Compliance checks in NSW Issues Paper
- Bail Division
- Children's Court legislative reforms - multiple submissions
- Consultation Paper: Good Character at Sentencing
- Consultation Paper: Good Character at Sentencing - Supplementary Submission
- Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
- *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Regulation 2019* (NSW)
- Crimes Act amendments - racial hatred and places of worship
- Crimes Amendment (Places of Worship) Bill 2025
- Draft Claim Farming Practices Prohibition Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Draft Policy Statement on Child Justice Reform
- Female genital mutilation reforms - multiple submissions
- Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Legal assistance funding
- Mental health impairment
- Migration Amendment (Strengthening Sponsorship and Nomination Processes) Bill 2024
- NSW Drug Summit 2024
- Order 6 in Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders
- Police or DCJ interviews at school
- Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
- Review of the Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024
- Review of the operation of *Doli Incapax* in NSW for children under 14
- Review of the *Surveillance Legislation Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Act 2021* (Cth)
- Review of the use of Legal Professional Privilege in Commonwealth Investigations
- Senate Inquiry into Australia's youth justice and incarceration system
- *Summary Offences Act 1988* (NSW)
- The Firearms Prohibition Order Scheme
- UN General Comment on Children's Rights to Access to Justice and Effective Remedies
- Victims rights

Diversity And Inclusion

2024 membership:

J. Tyrrell (Chair), I. Luke (Deputy Chair), A. Albury, E. Allen, G. Burke, A. Chebbo, D. Cheung, J. Dawes, Z. Edries, V. Giang, R. Grant, M. Gurlica, K. Hanigan, J. Horsburgh, S. Ibrahim, J. Jayasuriya, R. Karim, B. Koh, S. Lee, A. Lyras, R. MacSweeney, S. Mtango, A. Pale, K. Pender, V. Roles, J. Skelton, T. Spirovski, C. Stebbing, N. Stewart, G. Wijeratne, C. Wu, A. Yazdani, S. Bathurst (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

J. Tyrrell (Chair), R. Grant (Deputy Chair), G. Ayyappan Aryad, G. Burke, A. Chebbo, J. Dawes, Z. Edries, M. Gurlica, K. Hanigan, J. Horsburgh, R. Karim, B. Koh, Y. Lam, S. Lee, A. Lyras, R. MacSweeney, A. Pale, K. Pender, V. Roles, J. Skelton, T. Spirovski, N. Stewart, A. Yazdani, J. Fodera (until March 2025) / S. Hewison (from March – July 2025) (Policy Lawyers).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to promote diversity, equality and inclusion in the legal profession, in particular by progressing initiatives to ensure the equality of opportunity for all members of the profession, regardless of race, ethnicity, heritage, gender, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or innate variations in sex characteristics.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2025:

- Support the implementation of initiatives that promote cultural diversity, inclusion and the elimination of racism in the legal profession and its workplaces
- Develop initiatives and resources in line with the Committee's mission in relation to promoting a disability aware and culturally diverse and inclusive legal profession
- Consideration of specific issues relating to the advancement of women, intersectionality, people with disability, LGBTQIA+ and other minority groups in the legal profession and undertaking initiatives to create awareness and develop thought leadership on these issues within the legal profession
- Consideration of diversity and inclusion related issues that create barriers to entry into, and progression through, the legal profession
- Encourage allyship in the legal profession and a commitment to achieving outcomes for diverse communities

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Continued the work of the Court Disability User Group, in conjunction with the NSW Bar Association. The purpose of the User Group is to establish a forum to provide regular feedback to courts and tribunals to improve accessibility for all court users with disability. The User Group includes representatives of the Federal Court and Commonwealth courts administration, the New South Wales Supreme Court, the New South Wales District Court, the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and the Department of Communities and Justice
- Liaised with the Women Lawyers Association of NSW, the Muslim Legal Network (NSW) the Australian Asian Lawyers Association and the Pacific Legal Association NSW
- Developed and launched a guidance document, *Pride Guide: How law firms and organisations in NSW can support LGBTQIA+ solicitors* at event celebrating Pride Month, with guest speaker Moya Dodd AO
- Hosted an event for the International Day of Persons with Disability, with guest speakers Darren Fittler, Maree Skinner and Andrew Fraser KC
- Hosted an event for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, with guest speakers Justice Hament Dhanji SC, Professor Nicole Watson and Professor Mimi Zou
- Hosted guest speaker, Mark Seymour SC, Advocate for Change - LGBTQIA+ inclusivity, NSW Bar Association to address the Committee on his role as one of the Bar Association's Advocates for Change and on the Advocates for Change program

The Committee made a submission on the following issue during the year under review:

- Equitable Briefing Policy

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- 2025-26 Budget
- Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031
- Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024

Elder Law, Capacity And Succession

2024 membership:

J. McMillan (Co-Chair), R. Neal (Co-Chair), L. Absalom, B-J. Attard, E. Azzi, A. Britton, L. Brown, J. Clarke, N. Darcy, S. Davis, M. Dixon, L. Gerritsen, A. Gordon, B. Hayward, D. Heffernan, G. Kirwan, S. KISRwani, A. Koumoukelis, A. McIntyre, M. Money, P. Onisforou K. Penfold, J. Pignataro, R. Pollard, G. Ryan, C. Saradetch, A. Schiralli, L. To, J. Vuu, M. Lee (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

J. McMillan (Co-Chair), R. Neal (Co-Chair), J. Abrahams, L. Absalom, E. Azzi, J. Bowen, A. Britton, L. Brown, J. Clarke, N. Darcy, S. Davis, L. Gerritsen, A. Gordon, B. Hayward, S. KISRwani, A. Koumoukelis, A. McIntyre, R. MacSweeney, J. Pignataro, R. Power, C. Saradetch, A. Schiralli, L. To, K. Wright, M. Lee (Policy Lawyer).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to elder, capacity and succession law.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

In addition to any matters referred to it by the Council, President or CEO from time to time, the Committee will have the following priority issues for 2025:

- Elder abuse awareness, prevention and mitigation, including improving legal, procedural and practical remedies available to elder abuse victims
- Enduring appointments including guardianship, powers of attorney and financial management, in particular, improving processes that evidence the use of enduring instruments
- Accommodation designed for, or particularly affecting, older people, including the outcomes of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and the implementation of the new Aged Care Act
- Succession law, including harmonisation across states and territories and improving estate administration processes

The Committee will report to the Council on its activities upon request.

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Committee chairs attended a meeting of the Law Council's National Elder Law and Succession Law Committee to discuss a range of federal and state-based issues, and recent advocacy work
- Supported members' understanding of issues concerning elder law, estate planning and estate administration by reviewing and developing Law Society website resources, including a refresh of the "When a client's mental capacity is in doubt" guidance document
- Undertook proactive advocacy to the Supreme Court of NSW on issues relating to probate applications

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- National Plan to End the Abuse and Mistreatment of Older People 2024-2034
- Probate Applications
- Response: A new Aged Care Act exposure draft consultation feedback report

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- 2025 Federal Election
- Administrative Review Tribunal (Litigation Supporter) Practice Direction 2024
- AFCA Consultation paper - Approach to superannuation death benefit complaints
- Draft Retirement Villages Regulation 2025
- Legislative Framework to Regulate Restrictive Practices on People with Disability

Employment Law

2024 membership:

B. Feltham (Co-Chair), N. Keats (Co-Chair), T. Angelopoulos, S. Berry, M. Byrnes, P. Costigan, M. Dawson, M. Doherty, M. Doyle, L. Drake, J. Farah, T. Grellman, K. Iles, L. Izzo, C. Kerley, D. King, M. Kuga, K. Lewis, A. Lyras, D. McEvoy, M. Mitic, C. Stebbing, W. Steenson, M. Lee (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

B. Feltham (Co-Chair), N. Keats (Co-Chair), T. Angelopoulos, S. Bargon M. Byrnes, J. Camden, P. Costigan, M. Dawson, M. Doherty, M. Doyle, J. Farah, L. Drake C. Hennings, L. Izzo, C. Kerley, A. Lyras, T. McDonald, D. McEvoy, M. Mitic, M. Nguyen, M. Pillay, N. Saad, C. Stebbing, W. Steenson, J. Taverner, M. Lee (Policy Lawyer).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to employment and industrial law.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee work for 2025

The Employment Law Committee will consider policy and practice issues arising in relation to employment and industrial law, and in particular, will monitor practice issues in the Federal Court, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Fair Work Commission and the Industrial Relations Commission.

In addition, the Employment Law Committee may have matters referred to it by the Council, President or CEO from time to time.

The Committee will report to the Council on its activities upon request.

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Participated in the Federal Court of Australia (Employment and Industrial Relations National Practice Area) User Group
- Participated in the NSW Industrial Relations Commission User Group
- Supported the Law Society's Fair Work Commission and Industrial Relations Commission Dinner

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- Fair Work Commission procedure
- Remaking the *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017* (NSW)
- Secure Jobs, Better Pay Review

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- 2025 Federal Election
- 2025-26 Budget
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Framework reforms
- Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
- Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024

Environmental Planning And Development

2024 membership:

R. McCulloch (Chair), A. Penklis (Deputy Chair), M. Bonanno, A. Cahill, B. Charlton, R. Chick, D. Fitzclarence, J. Hewitt, K. Huxley, R. Kandola, A. Knox, M. Macken, S. Murphy, P. Murray, Professor J. Sheehan, M. Thomas, S. Ulrich, P. Vergotis, G. Lea (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

A. Knox (Chair), R. McCulloch (Deputy Chair), J. Amy, M. Bonanno, A. Cahill, B. Charlton, R. Chick, D. Fitzclarence, M. Floro, K. Huxley, R. Kandola, M. Macken, S. Murphy, P. Murray, Dr. S. Pallavicini, A. Penklis, Professor J. Sheehan, M. Thomas, P. Vergotis, G. Lea (Policy Lawyer).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to planning and environmental law.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2025:

- Appropriate public consultation on the introduction of legislative planning and related instruments, including State Environmental Planning Policies
- Consideration of the issues arising (and advocating where appropriate) in relation to planning and environmental proposals aimed at addressing climate change transition risk

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Participated in, and contributed to, the work of the Land and Environment Court Users Group

The Committee made a submission on the following issue during the year under review:

- Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to deter illegal tree and vegetation clearing

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Framework reforms
- Changes to building legislation in NSW - multiple submissions
- Contracts and Covenants - Discussion Paper
- Inquiry into the Impact of Renewal Energy Zones on Rural and Regional Communities and Industries in NSW
- NSW Plan for Nature independent review
- Planning certificates
- Review of the NSW Companion Animals Laws
- *Summary Offences Act 1988* (NSW)

Family Law

2024 membership:

J. Dawson (Co-Chair), G. Thompson (Co-Chair), C. Banks, B. Bryant, J. Burreket, N. Callander, L. Coady, S. Cole (from September 2024), A. Colquhoun (until September 2024), S. Costi, P. Davis, M. Gittoes-Caesar, M. Hayward, F. Hoad, F. Kirkman, C. Knox, O. Lacey, C. Lam, Dr M. Livermore, L. McGregor, G. Morgan, J. Morris, A. Murray, C. Pitcher, M. Whitehead, S. Yigit, N. Harvey (from July to August 2024) / V. Kuek (from August to November 2024) / J. Fodera (from November 2024) (Policy Lawyers).

2025 membership:

J. Dawson (Co-Chair), B. McGrath (Co-Chair), B. Bryant, J. Burreket, N. Callander, L. Coady, S. Cole, P. Davis, K. Goodacre, M. Hayward, F. Hoad, B. Kazmierczak, F. Kirkman, C. Knox, C. Lam, Dr M. Livermore, L. McGregor, G. Morgan, A. Murray, F. Neilson, C. Pitcher, M. Robb, N. Tabone, G. Thompson, M. Whitehead, J. Fodera (from February to June 2025) / U. Paetzholdt (from June 2025) (Policy Lawyers).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to family law issues.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

In addition to any matters referred to it by the Council, President or CEO from time to time, the Committee will have the following priority issues for 2025:

- Continue to advocate, as appropriate, on family law and practice to prioritise the best interests of children and support the best processes and outcomes for parties, including changes to legislation, Rules of Court and Practice Directions
- Monitor, and as necessary advocate for, the provision of adequate judicial resources and for workable processes in the Court, in particular as regards prioritising the best interests of children
- Encourage and promote the use of alternative dispute resolution in family law, including encouraging the courts' uptake of the Law Society Family Law Settlement Service
- Monitor, and, where appropriate, advocate in relation to systemic responses to domestic and family violence in the context of family law, including education
- Advocate for better access to legal representation, particularly in regional areas, including adequate and sustained funding for legal assistance services including legal aid services
- Strengthen the Law Society's relationship with the Court and explore further ways of working with the Court to help familiarise practitioners with Court operations and assist the Court to understand emerging practice issues

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Hosted guest speaker, Jacqueline Wharton from Separation and Divorce Advisors Pty Ltd, to address the Committee on divorce coaching
- Worked with the NSW Bar Association and Legal Aid to discuss Legal Aid fees for preparation in family law matters
- Met with the Court to discuss practitioner concerns about judicial registrar conduct
- Developed a resource on 'Tendering Sensitive or Intimate Images in Family Law Proceedings'
- Represented the Law Society on a number of groups, including the Federal Circuit and Family Court Liaison Groups for the Sydney, Parramatta, Wollongong and Newcastle Registries

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- Legal assistance funding
- Statutory review of the *Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Act 2021* (Cth)

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- 2025 Federal Election
- 2025-26 Budget
- Administrative Review Tribunal (Litigation Supporter) Practice Direction 2024
- Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
- Discussion paper - Review of the Surrogacy Act 2010 (NSW) and the Status of Children Act 1996 (NSW)

> Family Law, continued

- Enhancing civil protections and remedies for forced marriage
- Family Law Amendment Bill 2024
- Inquiry into family violence orders
- Legal assistance funding - multiple submissions
- Order 6 in Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders
- Principles for determining the appropriateness of online hearings
- Remake of the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Regulation 2017* (NSW)
- Review of the use of Legal Professional Privilege in Commonwealth investigations
- *Surrogacy Amendment (Qualified Counsellors) Regulation 2025* (NSW)
- *Victims Rights and Support Amendment (Victims Support Counselling) Act 2024* (NSW)

Human Rights

2024 membership:

A. Mojtahedi (Chair), J. Tyrrell (Deputy Chair), W. Ahmed, K. Beirne, Dr S. Calnan, S. Clarke, M. Coidan, S. Dhillon, R. Dominguez, A. Drayton, A. Duvall, J. Hall-Spence, S. Henderson, M. Iskander, E. Leong, A. Levin, K. McKenzie, P. Novotna, S. Parsons, D. Pereira, J. Redfern (until September 2024), K. Renehan, C. Robinson, G. Rohan, N. Ruppert, A. Sinclair, A. Small, G. Stribling, S. Bathurst (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

A. Mojtahedi (Chair), J. Tyrrell (Deputy Chair), W. Ahmed, Dr. S Calnan, S. Clarke, M. Coidan, S. Dhillon, R. Dominguez, J. Hall Spence, S. Henderson, A. Hussein, M. Iskander, C. Law, E. Leong, A. Levin, I. McGarity, K. McKenzie, J. McLean, M. Nawaz, S. Parsons, D. Pereira, C. Robinson (from April 2025), G. Rohan, N. Ruppert, A. Sinclair, T. Spirovski, S. Bathurst (Policy Lawyer).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to the obligations of Australia and NSW under international and domestic human rights law, and to uphold the rule of law.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2025:

- Advocacy for dedicated human rights legislation and legal protections for human rights in NSW
- Disability advocacy in NSW
- Housing and homelessness
- Anti-discrimination law reform
- Elimination of modern slavery
- Migration law reform, including the treatment of asylum seekers

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Hosted guest speaker, Jemima Mowbray, Policy and Advocacy Manager, NSW Tenants Union to address the Committee on rental laws in NSW
- Hosted guest speaker Maria Nawaz, General Counsel, Grata Fund to address the Committee on Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation
- Hosted guest speaker, Associate Professor Sarah Moulds, University of South Australia to address the Committee on developments around human rights legislation across Australian States and Territories
- Liaised with the Law Council of Australia and Australian Lawyers for Human Rights

The Committee made a submission on the following issue during the year under review:

- Australia's efforts to advocate for the worldwide abolition of the death penalty

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- 2025 Federal Election
- 2025-26 Budget
- Administrative Review Tribunal (Litigation Supporter) Practice Direction 2024
- Administrative Review Tribunal Practice Directions
- Administrative Review Tribunal Practice Directions - Six-month Review
- Audit of the design and implementation of the Measuring What Matters Framework
- Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031
- Bail Act - section 22C
- Crimes Act amendments - racial hatred and places of worship
- Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 (Cth)
- Discussion paper - Review of the *Surrogacy Act 2010* (NSW) and the *Status of Children Act 1996* (NSW)
- Enhancing civil protections and remedies for forced marriage
- Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Legislative Framework to Regulate Restrictive Practices on People with Disability
- Mental health impairment

> Human Rights, continued

- Migration Amendment (Strengthening Sponsorship and Nomination Processes) Bill 2024
- Name and gender records at school
- NSW Drug Summit 2024
- Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024
- Review of the operation of *Doli Incapax* in NSW for children under 14
- Senate Inquiry into Australia's youth justice and incarceration system
- *Summary Offences Act 1988* (NSW)
- Supporting strong and sustainable regions - Review of Regional Migration Settings
- *Surrogacy Amendment (Qualified Counsellors) Regulation 2025* (NSW)
- The Firearms Prohibition Order Scheme
- UN General Comment on Children's Rights to Access to Justice and Effective Remedies
- Victims rights

Indigenous Issues

2024 membership:

J. Behrendt (Co-Chair), D. Captain-Webb (Co-Chair), Z. Armytage, B-J. Attard, E. Bastable, M. Brazel, D. Byers, Dr S. Calnan, B. Charlton, S. Crellin, Z. De Re, L. De Silva, B. Dufty, J. Fing, M. Gleeson, L. Holden, M. Holden, E. Hudson-Buhagiar, J. Lovric, O. Monaghan, S. Mortimer, P. Mulroney, P. Novotna, C. Robinson, L. Swan, L. Walder, R. Welsh (from August 2024), V. Kuek ((Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

J. Behrendt (Co-Chair), D. Captain-Webb (Co-Chair), N. Abdi, Z. Armytage, B-J Attard, M. Brazel, D. Byers, Dr S. Calnan, T. Cameron, B. Charlton, S. Crellin, Z. De Re, L. De Silva, B. Dufty, J. Fing, M. Gleeson, L. Holden, M. Holden, K. Hooper, J. Lovric, P. Mulroney, P. Novotna, C. Robinson, L. Stefanou, L. Walder, R. Welsh. V. Kuek (to February 2025) / S. Bathurst (from February to June 2025) / U. Paetzholt (from June 2025) (Policy Lawyers).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on legal policy and practice issues arising in relation to Indigenous people in NSW

The Committee's priorities include

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

In addition to any matters referred to it by the Council, President or CEO from time to time, the Committee will have the following priority issues for 2025

- Indigenous incarceration rates (including sentencing and diversion; police accountability; deaths in custody)
- Domestic and family violence, care and protection and family law
- Improving access to justice, including through Indigenous lists, Indigenous sentencing courts, funding for legal services to Indigenous people and targeted resources for the legal profession
- Aboriginal cultural heritage protection, Aboriginal land rights; native title; and natural resource management
- Consumer protection, financial rights and civil law issues (including birth certificates and identity documents; access and engagement with education; housing; and financial services)
- Aboriginal self-determination, community empowerment and Aboriginal economic development (including reform pursuant to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap Priority Reform areas and Indigenous procurement policies)
- These initiatives will be considered in the context of relevant underlying drivers including poverty and disability.

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Participation in the Justice and Equity Centre and ALS led coronial reform working group
- Engagement with the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal consultative forum on Tenancy, Social Housing and Aboriginal matters, including the new Indigenous tenancy list
- Liaison with the Legal Profession Reconciliation Network
- Participation in the Children's Court Indigenous care list working group

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- Nature Positive Laws: Reforming the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) - Stage 3 Consultation
- Measuring Outcomes for First Nations Communities
- Sunsetting of the National Redress Scheme
- Review of the Future Acts Regime - multiple submissions

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- 2025 Federal Election
- 2025-26 Budget
- Bail Act - section 22C
- Bail Compliance checks in NSW Issues Paper
- Bail Division
- Closure of Community Justice Centres
- Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

> Indigenous Issues, continued

- Crimes Amendment (Inciting Racial Hatred) Bill 2025
- Draft Claim Farming Practices Prohibition Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Draft Policy Statement on Child Justice Reform
- Inquiry into family violence orders
- Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Legal assistance funding - multiple submissions
- Mental health impairment
- NSW Drug Summit 2024
- Order 6 in Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders
- Principles for determining the appropriateness of online hearings
- Proposals to increase voter engagement, participation and confidence
- Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024
- *Residential Tenancies Amendment Regulation 2025* (NSW)
- Review of the operation of *Doli Incapax* in NSW for children under 14
- Senate Inquiry into Australia's youth justice and incarceration system
- The Firearms Prohibition Order Scheme
- Victims Rights - multiple submissions

Injury Compensation

2024 membership:

T. Concannon (Chair), L. Davidson (Deputy Chair), A. Abboud, N. Baker, S. Butcher, A. Crisp, R. Dababneh, T. Driscoll, E. Garnett, G. Guest, P. Hunt, I. Jones, K. Kennedy, C. Lehmann, A. Lopes, P. Macken, R. May, R. Mellor, L. Mitchell, N. Morehead, A. Mulcahy, C. Newton, P. Ohm, K. Sawers, T. Tancred, E. Thomson, J. Thurgood, K. Toshack, D. Weng, R. Yousef, S. Bathurst (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

T Concannon (Chair), L Davidson (Deputy Chair), A. Abboud, N. Baker, S. Butcher, R. Dababneh, T. Driscoll, E. Garnett, G. Guest, P. Hunt, I. Jones, K. Kennedy, C. Lehmann, A. Lopes, P. Macken, K. Mansfield (from June 2025), R. May, L. Mitchell, N. Morehead, A. Mulcahy, C. Newton, C. Nikolovski, K. Sawers, T. Tancred, E. Thomson, J. Thurgood, K. Toshack, D. Weng, R. Yousef, S. Bathurst (Policy Lawyer).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to injury compensation law.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2025:

- Develop recommendations to better facilitate access to justice and legal services under Workers Compensation legislation
- Develop recommendations to better facilitate access to justice and legal services under the *Motor Accident Injuries Act 2017*, including advocating for the recommendations in the Clayton Utz and Deloitte *Statutory Review of Motor Accidents*
- Contribute to the ongoing operation of the Personal Injury Commission
- Advocate for more accessible legal support for claimants across the Workers Compensation and Motor Accidents schemes
- Monitor legal and policy developments in relation to the dust diseases scheme, autonomous vehicle regulation, medico-legal, medical negligence and public liability issues
- Monitor legal costs issues in Commonwealth/NSW redress schemes and any common law action arising from institutional abuse

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Represented the Law Society on, and contributed to the work of, the Law Council Personal Injury and Compensation Committee; Personal Injury Commission Rules Committee; Personal Injury Commission Stakeholder Reference Group; NSW State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) Motor Accidents Legal Forum; SIRA Workers Compensation Executive Forum and the IRO Approved Lawyers Group
- Liaised with key stakeholders, including the NSW Bar Association, the Australian Lawyers Alliance, the Independent Review Office, the Personal Injury Commission and SIRA
- Hosted guest speaker, Jeffrey Gabriel, Acting Independent Review Officer, to address the on the priorities of the Independent Review Office

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- Costs indexation implementation
- *Dust Diseases Tribunal Act 1989* (NSW)
- Extension of Funding Practice Notes
- Independent Review Office (IRO) Complaint Handling Protocol
- Lifetime Care and Support Guidelines
- Medical Report Providers
- Motor Accident Guidelines
- *Motor Accident Injuries Regulation 2017* (NSW)
- Section 25(1A) funds management provisions
- Use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options (several submissions)
- Workers Compensation Reform - multiple submissions
- The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:
 - Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Framework - multiple submissions
 - Draft Claim Farming Practices Prohibition Bill 2025 (NSW)
 - Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Litigation Law And Practice

2024 membership:

E. Yamine (Chair), S. Fernandez (Deputy Chair), J. Ball, S. Birchall, S. Brodowski, K. David, J. Emmerig, A. Fernando, V. Giang, P. Green, Magistrate M. Greenwood, A. Hack, D. Hing, J. Howard, C. Hutchinson, G. Johnson, E. Keir, S. Loughnan, K. McLean, K. Martin, C. Morson, C. Peterson, J. Prowse, J. Punthakey, R. Ryan, M. Saville, M. Stephens, P. Sutherland, B. Thomson, J. Tyrrell, Dr S. Willis, S. Hewison (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

E. Yamine (Chair), S. Fernandez (Deputy Chair), S. Birchall, S. Brodowski, M. Coidan, T. Cullenward, K. David, G. Galanis, P. Green, A. Hack, K. Hatakka (from March 2025), D. Hing, J. Howard, C. Hutchinson, G. Johnson, E. Keir, K. McCallum, K. Martin, M. Mills, C. Morson, C. Peterson, J. Prowse, J. Punthakey, A. Roussos, M. Saville, M. Stephens, J. Tyrrell, Dr S. Willis, S. Hewison (Policy Lawyer).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to civil litigation.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2025:

- Liaise with the Government, courts and tribunals about issues affecting practitioners, including scale costs, cost assessment processes and court Practice Notes
- Monitor developments and, where appropriate, advocate for consistency in relation to online courts and registries in Australian jurisdictions and overseas
- Advocate for broad and permanent implementation of technology in the civil court system as appropriate

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Represented the Law Society on a number of court committees and User Groups, including the Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Steering Committee, Supreme Court Common Law (Civil) Users Group, Supreme Court Rules Committee, Uniform Rules Committee, District Court Civil Business Group, District Court Rules Committee, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) Liaison Group and NCAT Home Building Consultative Forum
- Updated the list of practitioners willing to act in the role of independent solicitor in the execution of search orders (Anton Pillar Orders)

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- Changes to building legislation in NSW
- Lists of Authorities and Citations Practice Note (GPN - AUTH)
- *R&B Investments Pty Ltd (Trustee) v Blue Sky (Reserved Question)* [2024] FCAFC 89
- *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005*

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- *Administrative Review Tribunal Rules 2024* (Cth)
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Framework reforms - multiple submissions
- Changes to building legislation in NSW - multiple submissions
- Joint Costs Advisory Committee Inquiry 2024
- Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Review of the NSW Home Building Compensation Scheme
- Supreme Court Practice Note SC Gen 23
- Use of artificial intelligence in the Federal Court of Australia

Privacy And Data Law

2024 membership:

O. Ganopolsky (Chair), A. Cerny (Deputy Chair), S. Blanks, H. Brown, P. Cenoz, D. Chien, C. Cloudsdale, N. Commins, S. Eibel (from May 2024), A. Jacquet, G. Jefferson, K. Keogh, Professor P. Leonard, B. Liang, J. McAteer, S. McLaughlan, L. Mannering, A. Mitchell, S. Ng, L. Nicholson, S. O’Gorman, L. Sinclair, B. Viset, E. Vollebregt, M. Lee (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

O. Ganopolsky (Chair), A. Cerny (Deputy Chair), J. Amos, S. Blanks, H. Brown, D. Chien, C. Cloudsdale, N. Commins, C. Frankish, K. Harris, C. Higgins (February to May 2025), R. Hunter, G. Jefferson, K. Keogh, Professor P. Leonard, B. Liang, I. Luke, J. McAteer, D. Mesman, A. Mitchell, J. Monk, S. Ng, L. Nicholson, S. O’Gorman, L. Sinclair, C. Tipene, Professor M. Zou (from April 2025), M. Lee (Policy Lawyer).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to privacy and data law.

The Committee’s priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues; and codes of practice and standards, including the Australian Privacy Principles and NSW Information Protection Principles
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

In addition to any matters referred to it by the Council, President or CEO from time to time, the Committee will have the following priority issues for 2025:

- Monitor privacy issues that may arise, including from innovative uses of data, communications, artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and other existing, emerging, or new technology
- Monitor legal and policy developments and rule of law issues in relation to privacy laws; access to data (private sector and government); the collection, retention and use of data; data sharing and data linkage; and the misuse of data
- Develop proposals in relation to privacy laws; online safety; the regulation of the use of surveillance, facial recognition and data derived through surveillance in both the public and private sectors; and the regulation of the use of AI, including machine learning
- Monitor the liability issues practitioners may face when deploying AI models or dealing with cybersecurity and data breaches, including the evolving scope of cyber insurance
- Monitor legal and policy developments in cyber risk, cyber security, and business data governance, including the implications of laws and regulations on organisations and directors’ duties; and develop proposals in relation to measures to mitigate and address risks
- Monitor causes of action and remedies available to affected individuals, including alternative mechanisms such as codes and statements of principle

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Liaised with key stakeholders on privacy and data laws, including state and federal government agencies

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- Commonwealth Data Retention Review
- Cyber Security Legislative Package
- Draft Personal Information (Identity Protection and Recovery) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Identity Protection and Recovery Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Mandatory guardrails for AI in high-risk settings

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- 2025 Federal Election
- 2025-26 Budget
- Administrative Review Tribunal Practice Directions – Six-month Review
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Framework reforms - privacy
- Draft Supreme Court Practice Note SC Gen 23
- Draft Supreme Court Practice Note SC Gen 23 – Updated Version [SCNSW 17.10.24]
- Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

> Privacy And Data Law, continued

- Review of the Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024
- Review of the *Surveillance Legislation Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Act 2021* (Cth)
- Revision of Part 3 of the Freedom of Information Guidelines
- Scams Prevention Framework
- Treasury Discussion Paper - Review of AI and the Australian Consumer Law
- Use of artificial intelligence in the Federal Court of Australia
- Use of automated decision-making by government
- Victims rights

Property Law

2024 membership:

R. Harvey (Chair), C. Huegill (Deputy Chair), M. Andrews, E. Ashley, A. Cahill, G. Channell, J. Crittenden, M. Devitt, E. Di Stefano, R. Dimis, D. Fitzclarence, M. Jebeile, O. Kiely, A. Landy, M. Macken, T. McKibbin, J. McMillan, G. Maksimovic, G. Milani, G. Newton, M. Osborne, Dr S. Pallavicini, N. Scanlon, K. Shahani, D. Skapinker, A. Stiles, G. Stilianou, A. Yazdani, G. Lea (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

R. Harvey (Chair), C. Huegill (Deputy Chair), M. Andrews, E. Ashley, A. Cahill, G. Channell, J. Crittenden, M. Devitt, E. Di Stefano, D. Fitzclarence, M. Jebeile, O. Kiely, A. Landy, T. McKibbin, J. McMillan, G. Maksimovic, G. Milani (until April 2025), G. Newton, E. Oros, M. Osborne, Dr S. Pallavicini, N. Scanlon, D. Skapinker, A. Stiles, G. Stilianou, S. Yang (from April 2025), A. Yazdani, G. Lea (Policy Lawyer).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to property law and conveyancing practice.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern
- Where relevant, preparing and reviewing standard documentation for use by the profession (including contracts, leases etc)

Committee priority issues for 2025

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2025:

- Participate in consultations regarding electronic conveyancing and the interoperability of electronic lodgement networks
- Respond to consultations initiated by the Office of the Registrar General, NSW Land Registry Services, the NSW Department of Customer Service and the NSW Building Commission, including the statutory review of strata title legislation, ongoing building reform consultations and review of retail leases legislation
- Participate as appropriate in relation to consultation on anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing reforms

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Participated in various roundtable discussions with NSW Fair Trading, including in relation to building, tenancy and strata law reforms
- Participated in quarterly liaison meetings with NSW Land Registry Services and the Office of the Registrar General
- Participated in the National Interoperability Panel for interoperability in electronic conveyancing
- Participated in the Law Council of Australia's National Electronic Conveyancing System Committee
- Participated in consultation with NSW Land Registry Services, including regarding the transition to digital survey plans and forms
- Participated in consultation with the Office of the Registrar General, including regarding strata and caveat reforms

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- ARNECC consultations - forms and instruments
- Conveyancing and Real Property Amendment Bill 2025
- Draft Model Operating Requirements version 7.01
- Electronic Lodgment Network Operator conditions of approval
- Foreign residents capital gains withholding (FRCGW) scheme clearance certificates
- Home energy ratings in NSW
- Improving the foreign resident capital gains withholding tax regime
- Legal Profession Regulation - Eligible Water Markets Intermediaries
- Model Participation Rules (MPR) and Model Operating Requirements (MOR)
- *Retail Leases Act 1994* (NSW)
- Review of the Separation Regime in Operating Requirement 5.6
- Strata Schemes Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
- *Strata Schemes Legislation Amendment Regulation 2025* (NSW) and Information Certificates

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Framework reforms - multiple submissions
- Changes to building legislation in NSW - multiple submissions

> Property Law, continued

- Contracts and Covenants - Discussion Paper
- CPN 037 Grant of options to purchase land - Change in Beneficial Ownership - multiple submissions
- *Draft Retirement Villages Regulation 2025* (NSW)
- Duties assessment guide and checklist
- Inquiry into the Impact of Renewal Energy Zones on Rural and Regional Communities and Industries in NSW
- Planning certificates
- Regulation of Water Markets Intermediaries
- Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024
- *Residential Tenancies Amendment Regulation 2025*
- Review of the NSW Home Building Compensation Scheme
- Strata Managing Agents Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
- The principal place of residence exemption
- Water Management Regulation Remake

Public Law

2024 membership:

G. Johnson (Chair), D. Smith (Deputy Chair), A. Chalk, Dr E. Hammond, R. Heinrich, Dr M. Keenan, V. La, C. Lithgow, A. Mojtahedi, M. O'Brien, K. Renehan, G. Rohan, M. Smyth, V. Tiano, Dr A. Tsacalos, A. Walsh, A. Zekanovic, S. Bathurst (Policy Lawyer).

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Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to public law matters, including constitutional law, administrative law, the rule of law, the principles of representative and responsible government, the separation of powers, government accountability, and the operation of the federal system.

The Committee's priorities include, in relation to such matters:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Committee priority issues for 2025

In addition to any matters referred to it by the Council, President or CEO from time to time, the Committee will have the following priority issues for 2025:

- identifying opportunities to improve review frameworks in relation to administrative decisions (e.g. greater provision of internal review, external merits review etc)
- monitoring matters that affect the powers and independence of investigative and oversight bodies (e.g. Independent Commission Against Corruption, Legal Enforcement Conduct Commission, National Anti-Corruption Commission, Ombudsman, Electoral Commissions, Auditors General and Information Commissioners)
- considering the role of technology in administrative decision making, including the impacts of Automated Decision Making and Artificial Intelligence
- monitoring the resilience of public institutions and the role of the rule of law (including the use of delegated powers, public access to the written law, access to justice, and the performance and integrity of administrative law systems)
- monitoring and promoting whistleblower protections in NSW and the Commonwealth
- monitoring developments in respect of the rights to the freedom of expression and protest, and related protections against vilification and hate speech, including rights of review
- Identifying opportunities to protect and promote informed participation in democratic processes

These initiatives will be considered in the context of relevant international and national standards and frameworks.

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activity during the year under review:

- Hosted guest speaker, Professor Kimberlee Weatherall, Professor of Law, University of Sydney Law School and Chief Investigator at the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence on Automated Decision-Making and Society, to address the Committee on automated decision making in the NSW Public Sector
- Hosted guest speaker, Commissioner Rachel McCallum, Information Commissioner and CEO of the Information and Privacy Commission NSW, to address the Committee on freedom of information in NSW

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- Access to documents by non-parties in the Federal Court of Australia
- Review of the *NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022* (NSW) - Question on Notice and Supplementary Questions
- The availability of Medicare benefits for medical reports required for administrative appeals

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- 2025 Federal Election
- 2025-26 Budget
- Administrative Review Tribunal (Litigation Supporter) Practice Direction 2024
- Administrative Review Tribunal Practice Directions
- Administrative Review Tribunal Practice Directions - Six-month Review

> Public Law, continued

- *Administrative Review Tribunal Rules 2024* (Cth)
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Framework reforms
- Astill Special Commission of Inquiry
- Audit of the design and implementation of the Measuring What Matters Framework
- Crimes Act amendments - racial hatred and places of worship
- Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 (Cth)
- Joint Review of the use of Client Legal Privilege in Commonwealth Investigations
- Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Migration Amendment (Strengthening Sponsorship and Nomination Processes) Bill 2024
- Proposals to increase voter engagement, participation and confidence
- Review of the *Surveillance Legislation Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Act 2021* (Cth)
- Review of the use of Legal Professional Privilege in Commonwealth Investigations
- Revision of Part 3 of the Freedom of Information Guidelines
- Use of automated decision-making by government

Revenue NSW/Law Society Liaison

2024 membership:

A. Chek (Co-Chair), C. Smythe (Co-Chair), B. Baker, R. Barbour, S. Bazouni, C. Bitz, M. Brewster, G. Carry, F. Di Francesco, V. Donnelly, A. Fernandez, K. Fitzpatrick, P. Gell, B. Hewitt, J. Hickman, M. Holman, R. Kable, D. Lam, J. Lee, M. Morris, R. Nguyen, R. Newey, S. Paterson, L. Roberts, G. Ryan, G. Samaras, V. Sharma, M. Telan, K. Thompson, L. To, G. Vale, D. Wong, L. Wood-Bradley, G. Lea (Policy Lawyer).

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Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to state revenue issues in New South Wales.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern

Activities

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- CPN 037 Grant of options to purchase land – Change in Beneficial Ownership
- Revenue Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2024
- Land Tax Factsheet

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- CPN 036 – Relief to Medical Centres
- CPN 037 Options – Change in Beneficial Ownership
- Duties assessing guide and checklist
- The principal place of residence exemption
- Inquiry into the Application of the Contractor and Employment Agent Provisions in the *Payroll Tax Act 2007* (NSW)
- NSW Plan for Nature independent review
- *State Revenue and Fines Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Act 2022* (NSW) Review

Rural Issues

2024 membership:

G. Ryan (Chair), A. Gordon (Deputy Chair), C. Colwell, J. Dawson, C. Egan, A. Ferguson, J. Fletcher, V. Gibson, W. Glowrey, S. Morgan, A. Parbery (until August 2024), N. Savage, J. Sheen, J. Spear, J. van der Plaats, S. Hewison (Policy Lawyer).

2025 membership:

G. Ryan (Chair), A. Gordon (Deputy Chair), C. Colwell, C. Egan, A. Ferguson, J. Fletcher, V. Gibson, W. Glowrey, K. Goodacre, S. Morgan, N. Savage, J. Sheen, J. Spear, P. Vagg, S. Hewison (Policy Lawyer).

Functions

The role of this Committee is to represent the Law Society and its members on policy and practice issues arising in relation to rural NSW.

The Committee's priorities include:

- Developing and commenting on law reform and legal policy proposals (including preparing submissions, and liaising with government and other stakeholders in this process)
- Educating the legal profession about changes to the law, and providing guidance on practice and other issues
- Exchanging information about issues arising in legal practice (such as recent case law) that may indicate a legal policy issue or concern
- Where relevant, preparing and reviewing standard documentation for use by the profession (including contracts, leases etc)

Committee priority issues for 2025

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2025:

- Better access to justice in rural, regional and remote (RRR) areas, including supporting the retention of electronic witnessing provisions, advocating for additional Magistrates, District Court Judges and improved Court rooms with reliable internet connectivity and audio visual link facilities in RRR areas
- Monitoring and advocating on existing and emerging legal issues impacting members practicing in RRR areas including the regulation of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing
- Identifying topics for the Rural Issues Annual Conference
- Identify and assist in developing resources to better equip RRR legal practices to recruit and retain lawyers and promote the benefits of relocating to RRR areas

Activities

The Committee carried out the following activities during the year under review:

- Provided support and assistance for the 2025 NSW Law Careers Fair
- Provided advice on topics and speakers for the 2025 Rural Issues Annual Conference

The Committee made submissions on the following issue during the year under review:

- Resources and initiatives to support rural, regional and remote lawyers
- The Welcome Experience for essential workers

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

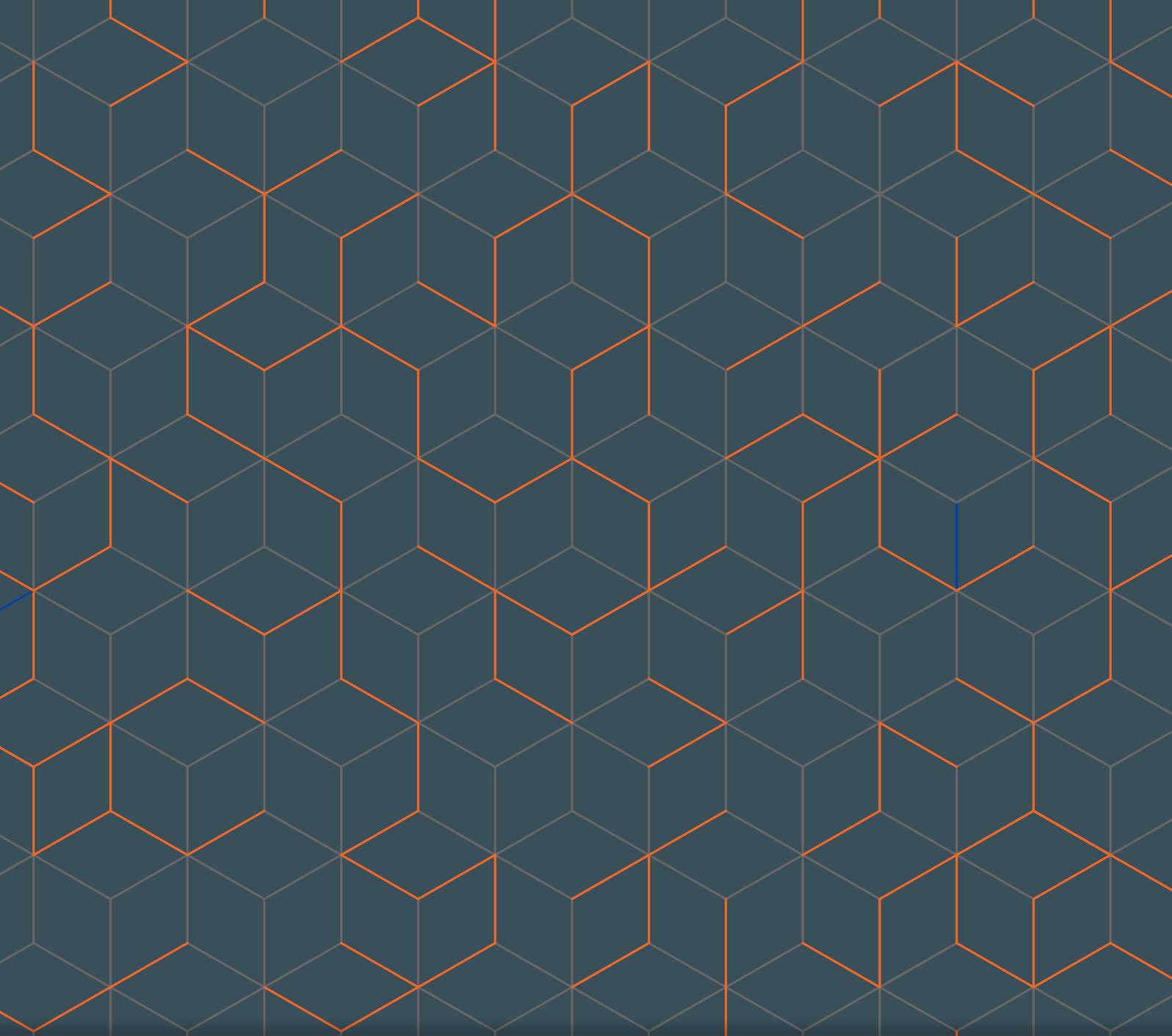
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Framework reform - multiple submissions
- Regulation of Water Markets Intermediaries
- Supporting strong and sustainable regions - Review of Regional Migration Settings
- Contracts and Covenants - Discussion Paper
- Inquiry into the Impact of Renewal Energy Zones on Rural and Regional Communities and Industries in NSW
- NSW Plan for Nature independent review
- 2025-26 Budget
- Principles for determining the appropriateness of online hearings
- Review of the NSW Companion Animals Laws
- Water Management Regulation Remake

Joint Submissions made by the Law Society on behalf of more than one Committee

- 2025 Federal Election
- 2025-26 Budget
- Administrative Review Tribunal (Litigation Supporter) Practice Direction 2024
- Administrative Review Tribunal Practice Directions
- Administrative Review Tribunal Practice Directions - Six-month Review
- *Administrative Review Tribunal Rules 2024* (Cth)
- Approach to superannuation death benefit complaints
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Framework - multiple submissions
- Astill Special Commission of Inquiry
- Audit of the design and implementation of the Measuring What Matters Framework
- Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031
- *Bail Act 2013* (NSW) - section 22C
- Bail Amendment (Ban on Independent Electronic Monitoring) Bill 2025
- Bail Compliance checks in NSW Issues Paper
- Bail Division
- Changes to building legislation in NSW - multiple submissions
- Children's Court legislative reforms - multiple submissions
- Closure of Community Justice Centres
- Consultation Paper: Good Character at Sentencing - multiple submissions
- Contracts and Covenants - Discussion Paper
- CPN 036 - Relief to Medical Centres
- CPN 037 Grant of options to purchase land - Change in Beneficial Ownership - multiple submissions
- Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
- *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Regulation 2019* (NSW)
- *Crimes Act 1900* (NSW) amendments - racial hatred and places of worship
- Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 (Cth)
- Discussion paper - Review of the *Surrogacy Act 2010* (NSW) and the *Status of Children Act 1996* (NSW)
- Claim Farming Practices Prohibition Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Policy Statement on Child Justice Reform
- *Retirement Villages Regulation 2025* (NSW)
- Duties assessing guide and checklist
- Enhancing civil protections and remedies for forced marriage
- Family Law Amendment Bill 2024
- Female genital mutilation reforms - multiple submissions
- Good Character at Sentencing - multiple submissions
- Inquiry into family violence orders
- Inquiry into the Application of the Contractor and Employment Agent Provisions in the *Payroll Tax Act 2007* (NSW)
- Inquiry into the Impact of Renewal Energy Zones on Rural and Regional Communities and Industries in NSW
- Joint Costs Advisory Committee Inquiry 2024
- Joint Review of the use of Client Legal Privilege in Commonwealth Investigations
- Justice Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Legal assistance funding - multiple submissions
- Legislative Framework to Regulate Restrictive Practices on People with Disability
- Mental health impairment
- Migration Amendment (Strengthening Sponsorship and Nomination Processes) Bill 2024
- Name and gender records at school
- NSW Drug Summit 2024
- NSW Plan for Nature independent review
- Order 6 in Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders
- Planning certificates

> Joint Submissions made by the Law Society on behalf of more than one Committee

- Police or Department of Communities and Justice interviews at school
- Principles for determining the appropriateness of online hearings
- Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
- Proposals to increase voter engagement, participation and confidence
- Regulation of Water Markets Intermediaries
- Relief to Medical Centres - Commissioner's Practice Note
- *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Regulation 2017* (NSW)
- Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024
- *Residential Tenancies Amendment Regulation 2025* (NSW)
- Review of the Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024
- Review of the NSW Companion Animals Laws
- Review of the NSW Home Building Compensation Scheme
- Review of the operation of *Doli Incapax* in NSW for children under 14
- Review of the *Surveillance Legislation Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Act 2021* (Cth)
- Review of the use of Legal Professional Privilege in Commonwealth Investigations
- Revision of Part 3 of the Freedom of Information Guidelines
- Scams Prevention Framework
- Senate Inquiry into Australia's youth justice and incarceration system
- *State Revenue and Fines Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Act 2022* (NSW)
- Strata Managing Agents Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
- *Summary Offences Act 1988* (NSW)
- Supporting strong and sustainable regions - Review of Regional Migration Settings
- Supreme Court Practice Note SC Gen 23
- *Surrogacy Amendment (Qualified Counsellors) Regulation 2025* (NSW)
- The Firearms Prohibition Order Scheme
- The principal place of residence exemption
- Review of AI and the Australian Consumer Law
- UN General Comment on Children's Rights to Access to Justice and Effective Remedies
- Use of artificial intelligence in the Federal Court of Australia
- Use of automated decision-making by government
- Victims Rights - multiple submissions
- *Victims Rights and Support Amendment (Victims Support Counselling) Act 2024* (NSW)
- Water Management Regulation Remake
- Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
- Workplace Gender Equality Amendment (Setting Gender Equality Targets) Bill 2024



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