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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



Regulatory Committees

- Professional Conduct
- Licensing
- Fidelity Fund Management
- Costs
- Ethics
- Disclosure

Segment Committees

- Government Solicitors
- In-house Corporate Lawyers
- NSW Young Lawyers

Council Committees

- Executive Committee
- Audit, Risk and Finance Committee

Policy and Practice Committees

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Children's Legal Issues
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Employment Law
- Family Law
- Indigenous Issues
- Litigation Law and Practice
- Property Law
- Revenue NSW/ Law Society Liaison*
- Business Law
- Criminal Law
- Elder Law, Capacity and Succession
- Environmental Planning and Development
- Human Rights
- Injury Compensation
- Privacy and Data Law
- Public Law
- Rural Issues

* Liaison Committee

Alternative Dispute Resolution

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, M. Mills, B. Morrow, B. Musry, S. O'Connor, P. Onisforou, Dr A. Roy, S. White, M. Ziegler, J. Kim (until November 2025) / N. Harvey (from November 2025) (Policy Lawyers).

2026 membership:

G. Ulman (Chair), J. Robb (Deputy Chair), Judge K. Andronos, P. Argy, J. Ball (until April 2026), F. Bayari, L. Bishkov, T. Cullenward, G. Ettinger, G. Fabiani, D. FitzGerald, C. Hutchinson, S. Kendall, R Krikorian (from February 2026), P. Lewis, J. McDermott, B. McGrath, M. Mills, B. Morrow, B. Musry, S. O'Connor (until February 2026), P. Onisforou, Dr A. Roy, S. White, M. Ziegler, N. Harvey (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 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- Consider the rise of Artificial Intelligence in ADR, including, but not limited to, identifying the opportunities, negatives and ethical considerations of its growing use
- Gather information regarding the use of ADR in regional, rural and remote areas in NSW. Promote awareness and uptake of ADR in these areas
- Invite occasional guest speakers to address the Committee on a range of ADR topics and issues
- Hold the Committee's annual professional development and networking event in late 2026

Activities

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

- On 20 November 2025, the Committee held their annual CPD and networking event, a panel discussion *"If litigation is the last resort, should ADR be the first?"*
- The Committee published the "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in 2024 and Beyond Surveying the Profession Report in November 2025. This report presents findings from the survey of approximately 500 practitioners across NSW on the use, perceptions and future of ADR within the solicitor branch of the legal profession
- The Alternative Dispute Resolution and Litigation Law & Practice Joint Working Group on compulsory pre-filing mediation released their *"Pre-Action ADR Working Group Report 2025"*
- Mr. Chris Morrow and Mr. Philip Argy presented at the ADR Committee meeting on 11 February 2026 the topic of Expert Determination as a growing favourite for determinative ADR
- On 20 May 2026, Ms. Catherine Davidson a commercial mediator who practices in Australia and internationally joined the ADR Committee meeting to discuss various mediation topics including the positive role solicitors play in assisting their clients at mediations

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

- Recognition of the Law Society of NSW Lawyer Mediator Accreditation Scheme

The Committee also contributed to a joint submission on the following issue during the year under review:

- Amendments to residential building legislation

Business Law

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 (until November 2025), 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).

2026 membership:

A. Cerny (Chair), T. Masters (Deputy Chair), V. Caldwell, J. Chee, S. Cohen, O. Fischbein, M. Gupta, K. Harris, P. Harrison, Dr M. Leighton-Daly, M. Lo, K. Redenbach (until April 2026), B. Roe, M. Russo (from February 2026), L. Serafim, R. Snowden, R. Staltare, J. Stathis, T. Stevensen, 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- Respond to consultations initiated by the 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 relevant NSW Government agencies
- Monitor and contribute to significant legal and policy developments affecting business regulation, commercial activity and legal practice
- Consider emerging issues affecting businesses and practitioners, including technological change, regulatory reform and evolving economic conditions

Activities

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

- Participated in stakeholder engagement with key regulators and government agencies, including the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Australian Taxation Office and Treasury, and continued representation on the ASIC NSW Regional Liaison Committee
- Considered and contributed to consultations on a broad range of business law issues, including anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing reforms, digital asset regulation, payment systems modernisation, foreign resident capital gains tax reforms, building regulation reforms, and regulation affecting financial services and small business
- Monitored significant legal and policy developments in relation to competition and consumer law, corporate governance, artificial intelligence, climate-related financial disclosures, sustainability claims, insurance, taxation reform and broader economic and regulatory policy

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

- ASIC - Regulatory Simplification Report 813
- Productivity Commission Inquiry: Creating a more dynamic and resilient economy

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

- Amendments to various residential building legislation
- Anti-Money Laundering/Counter-Terrorism Financing - multiple submissions
- Australian Solicitors' Conduct Rules and Uniform Legal Practice Rules
- Australian Taxation Office - draft Determination - multiple submissions
- Draft Revenue Rulings - multiple submissions
- *Duties Act 1997* (NSW) - multiple submissions
- Federal Court of Australia - Review of Digital Practices and Procedures
- Guidance Note for the Legal Profession on Client Legal Privilege and Federal Regulators
- Harnessing Data and Digital Technology Interim Report - Productivity Commission
- Inquiry into small business insurance
- Investment in access to justice in NSW
- Litigants in Person Practice Note
- NSW Fair Trading draft strata repairs policy
- Reform to non-compete clauses and other restraints on workers
- Strata Commissions Review
- Strengthening the Modern Slavery Act
- Treasury consultation on preventing perpetrators from accessing victims' super death benefits
- Use of GenAI in various courts - multiple submissions

Children's Legal Issues

2025 membership:

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

2026 membership:

J. Clifford (Chair), K. Phillips (Deputy Chair), K. Bromley, N. Callander, E. Canning, R. Carty, I. Caulfield, S. Clarke, Z. De Re, M. Dimech, R. Frankham, Magistrate R. Funston, Z. Gillies-Plate, K. Goodacre, L. Goodwin, A. Hall, S. Hargans, Magistrate K. Hopgood, S. Ienna, K. Kelso, E. Leong, E. Mathenge, D. Menser, Inspector T. Moore, A. Pearson, Magistrate L. Robertson, C. Robinson (from February 2026), A. Ross, K. Rowley, J. Smith, J. Stanton, 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)
- 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- Monitoring:
  - the impact of, and educating the profession about, recent legislative changes to *doli incapax* and the *Young Offenders Act 1997* (NSW)
  - the Closing the Gap Targets relating to children
  - the implementation of the *Family is Culture* recommendations
  - the implementation of outstanding recommendations from the 2025 *Review of the operation of doli incapax in NSW for children under 14*
- Advocacy on youth justice related issues, including the minimum age of criminal responsibility, youth bail laws and processes, and avenues for diversion of children from the criminal justice system
- Advocacy in relation to out of home care issues, including accommodation, case management and leaving care
- Advocacy highlighting the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in the NSW child protection and criminal justice systems
- Advocacy in relation to child protection reform, including remaining abreast of relevant inquiries, reports and the implementation of reforms, such as the NSW Ombudsman's recent report *"No Capacity to Allocate" - The NSW Department of Communities and Justice's practice of closing ROSH (Risk of Significant Harm)"*
- Advocacy highlighting the intersection of education, children in out of home care, and the criminal justice system in NSW
- Advocacy to improve the quality of representation in the Children's Court, including promoting the availability of free, specialist representation

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, the Youth Justice Advisory Committee and the Supreme Court Adoption Working Party
- 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 across civil and criminal law
- The Committee published several information resources for practitioners, including the Representation Principles for Children's Lawyers (5th edition), a summary of the changes to the *Young Offenders Act 1987* (NSW) and a summary of changes to the legal presumption of *doli incapax*

- The Committee contributed to submissions responding to consultations from the NSW Department of Communities and Justice, the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, the Law Council of Australia, and the Office of the Children's Guardian, and sent proactive submissions to the Attorney General. Representatives from the Committee gave evidence at the NSW Legislative Assembly's Committee on Law and Safety inquiry into community safety in regional and rural communities

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

- Youth justice reforms

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

- Australian Law Reform Commission review of surrogacy laws
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill (No 2) 2025 (Cth)
- Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism Bill 2026
- Community Safety in Regional and Rural Communities: Supplementary Questions
- Establishment of an Accreditation Scheme for Children's Contact Services
- Fertility Support and Assisted Reproductive Treatment in NSW
- Fines and state debt
- Inquiry into Australia's youth justice and incarceration system
- Inquiry into identity protections for proceedings involving children
- Knife wanding
- Legal Issues Bulletins - multiple submissions
- NSW Workplace Protection Orders
- Organised crime
- Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- Protected persons in Apprehended Domestic Violence Order proceedings
- Protections in criminal and Apprehended Domestic Violence Order proceedings
- Review of Surrogacy Laws - Issues Paper
- Review of the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* (NSW)
- Section 22C of the *Bail Act 2013* (NSW)
- Working with Children Checks
- Youth justice approaches and early intervention – multiple submissions
- Performance crime offence

Criminal Law

2025 membership:

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

2026 membership:

J. Sanders (Chair), R. Hoyles (Deputy Chair), C. Bell, R. Breckenridge (until February 2026), B. Byrnes, D. Captain-Webb, V. Chan, J. Chin, E. Conditsis, D. Elston, P. Gibson, W. Glowrey (from February 2026), M. Grimes, E. Hoile, S. Ienna, L. Kaban, R. Macken, M. Mantaj, J. Nunn, J. Rafeeq, J. Ramsland, S. Rees, V. Roles, T. Spohr, J. Sutton, Deputy Chief Judge T. Tsavdaridis, R. Tumeth, F. Way, A. Whitehead, J. Wong, 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 criminal law and to uphold the rule of law, including the 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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Committee priority issues for 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- Reducing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander incarceration rates, including supporting the resourcing of and expansion of the Walama list
- The preservation of rights and the rule of law, particularly against unnecessary and disproportionate encroachment by the criminal law
- Improving outcomes for people in custody, including monitoring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths in custody
- Improving justice outcomes for vulnerable people, including those with mental health and cognitive impairment issues
- Improving prosecutorial disclosure in criminal cases
- Advocating for better resourcing of the NSW criminal justice system, including funding for justice agencies and courts, digital infrastructure, diversionary initiatives, and specialist and therapeutic Court processes
- Monitoring changes to bail laws and processes, including the Local Court Bail Division

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 Supreme Court Bail User Group, Court of Criminal Appeal User Group, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Disclosure Working Group, Early Appropriate Guilty Plea Working Group and the 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, NSW Police and Courts Tribunals and Service Delivery
- The Committee published an information sheet on the legislative changes to the Child Protection Offender Register and arranged for a CPD item to be delivered
- The Committee responded to many consultations from a range of stakeholders, including the NSW Department of Communities and Justice, the Law Council of Australia and Legal Aid NSW. The Committee also contributed to several proactive submissions to the Attorney General
- The Chair of the Committee gave evidence at the NSW Parliament inquiry into the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Amendment (Good Character at Sentencing) Bill 2026 on behalf of the Law Society

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

- Access to psychological care in custody
- Availability of audio-visual link in certain matters
- Breaking and entering offences
- Deepfakes
- Domestic and personal violence
- Drug treatment and rehabilitation

- Inquiry into the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Amendment (Good Character at Sentencing) Bill 2026 - Supplementary Questions
- Organised crime
- Sentencing considerations
- Various Local Court practice and procedure matters including relating to bail
- Vulnerable witnesses - pre-trial - multiple submissions

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

- Administration of sentences
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill (No 2) 2025 (Cth)
- Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism Bill 2026
- Consolidation of the provisions of the *Interpretation Act 1987* (NSW), *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989* (NSW) and *Legislation Review Act 1987* (NSW) relating to delegated legislation
- Drug Court
- Fines and State debt
- Incitement of hatred
- Inquiry into identity protections for proceedings involving children
- Investment in access to justice in NSW
- Knife wanding
- Local Court sentencing
- Mandatory sentencing
- National hate crimes and incidents
- NSW Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- NSW Workplace Protection Orders
- Organised crime
- Performance crime offence
- Proposed landlord offence relating to illicit tobacco sales in NSW - multiple submissions
- Protected persons in Apprehended Domestic Violence Order proceedings
- Residential rehabilitation
- Review of the definition of a 'Terrorist Act' in section 100.1 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth)
- Review of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth)
- Review of the *Mandatory Disease Testing Act 2021* (NSW)
- Secrecy Provisions Amendment (Repealing Offences) Bill 2026 (Cth)
- Statutory review of the sexual consent reforms

Diversity and Inclusion

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, S. Hewison (July 2025) / P. Mandalawatta (Policy Lawyers).

2026 membership:

J. Tyrrell (Chair), R. Grant (Deputy Chair), J. Anderson, G. Ayyappan Aryad, G. Burke, A. Chebbo, J. Dawes, Z. Edries, M. Gurlica, K. Hanigan, J. Horsburgh, R. Karim, B. Koh, S. Lee, A. Lyras, R. MacSweeney, M. Mitic (from March 2026), A. Pale, K. Pender, V. Roles, J. Skelton, N. Stewart, A. Yazdani, P. Mandalawatta (Policy Lawyer).

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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- 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 consistent 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
- Published an article for the Ethics and Standards Quarterly titled "Focusing on ability: inclusive practice for all clients", and an article for the Law Society Journal titled "What lawyers should know about dealing with intersex clients"
- Consulted with the Law Society's health and wellbeing team on updates to mentoring program matching criteria to better reflect participants' diverse lived experiences
- Hosted an event for the International Day of Persons with Disability
- Hosted an event for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- Celebrated Pride Month with keynote speaker The Hon. John Sackar AM KC
- Attended the inaugural Mardi Gala Ball
- Continued monitoring the Advancement of Women Charter, including getting new signatories to the Charter
- Liaised with the Women Lawyers Association of NSW, the Muslim Legal Network (NSW), the Australian Asian Lawyers Association and the Pacific Legal Association NSW

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

- National Attrition and Re-engagement Study

The Committee also contributed to a joint submission on the following issue during the year under review

- Review of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth)

Elder Law, Capacity and Succession

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).

2026 membership:

L. Absalom (Co-Chair), R. Neal (Co-Chair), J. Abrahams, E. Azzi, J. Bowen, A. Britton, L. Brown (until April 2026), J. Clarke, N. Darcy, S. Davis, L. Gerritsen, A. Gordon, B. Hayward, S. Kisrwani, A. Koumoukelis, A. McIntyre, J. McMillan, J. Pignataro, R. Power, C. Saradetch, A. Schiralli, L. To, E. Versfeld, 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- 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 and experience of the *Aged Care Act 2024*
- Succession law, including harmonisation across states and territories and improving estate administration processes

Activities

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

- Committee representative 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

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

- Access to original birth certificates
- Ageing and Disability Commission draft guidance
- Guardianship Division of NCAT draft direction
- Review of Aged Care Rules

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

- Australian Taxation Office - draft Determination – multiple submissions
- Development of an international legally binding instrument on the human rights of older persons
- Estate and estate planning records
- Granny flat arrangements
- Inquiry into supported decision-making
- NSW Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- Review of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth)
- Treasury consultation on preventing perpetrators from accessing victims' super death benefits

Employment Law

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, L. Drake, J. Farah, 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).

2026 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, L. Drake (until April 2026), J. Farah, 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 2026

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

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 issues during the year under review:

- Fair Work Commission - proposed paid agents resources
- Fair Work Commission application process
- Inquiry into the operation and adequacy of the National Employment Standards
- Use of GenAI in various courts

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

- Industrial Relations Commission Consultation - Draft Practice Note
- Inquiry into the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (NSW) and the provisions of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Institutional liability for historical child sexual abuse
- NSW Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- NSW Workplace Protection Orders
- Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- Reform to non-compete clauses and other restraints on workers
- Review of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* (NSW) - Unlawful Conduct
- Review of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth)
- Use of GenAI in various courts - multiple submissions

Environmental Planning and Development

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).

2026 membership:

A. Knox (Chair), R. McCulloch (Deputy Chair), J. Amy (until March 2026), M. Bonanno, A. Cahill, B. Charlton, R. Chick (until April 2026), D. Fitzclarence, M. Floro, K. Huxley, R. Kandola, J. Lighton (June 2026), M. Macken, S. Murphy, P. Murray, Dr S. Pallavicini, A. Penklis, Professor J. Sheehan, M. Thomas, N. Vella (from April 2026), P. Vergotis, G. Lea (until May 2026) / S. Hewison (from May 2026) (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 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- Promoting effective, transparent and evidence-based planning and environmental regulation
- Supporting practical and workable planning, environmental and building law frameworks
- Considering legal and policy issues arising from climate change, environmental protection and renewable energy development

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 User Group
- Considered and contributed to consultations on a range of planning, building and environmental law matters, including planning system reforms, strategic planning initiatives, building regulation proposals and environmental planning instruments
- Monitored significant legal and policy developments affecting planning and environmental law, including housing affordability, renewable energy projects, climate change and environmental law reform

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

- Housing and development reforms - multiple submissions
- Inquiry into Historical Development Consents in NSW - Questions on Notice and Supplementary Questions
- Inquiry into Rural Housing and Second Dwelling Reform
- Planning Instruments and standard of maps

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

- *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Act 2025* (NSW)
- Investing in Cheaper, Cleaner Energy and the Net Zero Transformation
- Amendments to residential building legislation
- Climate Change and Natural Hazards
- Consolidation of the provisions of the *Interpretation Act 1987* (NSW), *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989* (NSW) and *Legislation Review Act 1987* (NSW) relating to delegated legislation
- Crown Land Management Amendments
- Establishing the Development Coordination Authority
- Environmental Planning and Assessment
- Proposed Statewide Community Participation Plan

Family Law

2025 membership:

J. Dawson (Co-Chair), B. McGrath (Co-Chair), M. Bayas Inglis (from November 2025), B. Bryant, J. Burreket, N. Callander, L. Coady, S. Cole, P. Davis, K. Goodacre, M. Hayward, F. Hoad, B. Kazmierczak (until October 2025), 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, U. Paetzholdt (Policy Lawyer).

2026 membership:

J. Dawson (Co-Chair), B. McGrath (Co-Chair), M Bayas Inglis, B. Bryant, J. Burreket, N. Callander, L. Coady, S. Cole, P. Davis, K. Goodacre, M. Hayward, F. Hoad, F. Kirkman, C. Knox, C. Lam, Dr M. Livermore, L. McGregor, G. Morgan, A. Murray, F. Neilson (until February 2026), C. Pitcher, M. Robb, N. Tabone, G. Thompson, M. Whitehead, U. Paetzholdt (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 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- 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 and finalising the refresh of the Guide for Practitioners Working with Clients Affected by Family and Domestic Violence
- 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:

- Participated in, and contributed to, the work of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia users groups
- Undertook proactive advocacy to the Law Council of Australia on a range of issues, including the de-funding of the Family Law Pathways Network and the 10-page limit for affidavits in Division 2 interlocutory proceedings
- Progressed the update to the Guide on Working with Clients Affected by Domestic and Family Violence
- Contributed to the establishment of the Domestic and Family Violence Steering Group

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

- Family Law Pathways Network
- Federal Circuit and Federal Court Division 2 affidavits

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

- Australian Law Reform Commission review of surrogacy laws
- *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1995* (NSW)
- Establishment of an Accreditation Scheme for Children's Contact Services
- Fertility Support and Assisted Reproductive Treatment in NSW
- Joint Costs Advisory Committee Inquiry 2025
- Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- Protected persons in Apprehended Domestic Violence Order proceedings
- Review of Surrogacy Laws
- Treasury consultation on preventing perpetrators from accessing victims' super death benefits
- Use of GenAI in various courts
- Victims rights

Human Rights

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, G. Rohan, N. Ruppert, A. Sinclair, T. Spirovski, S. Bathurst (until November 2025) / U. Paetzholdt (from December 2025) (Policy Lawyers).

2026 membership:

A. Mojtahedi (Chair), J. Tyrrell (Deputy Chair), W. Ahmed, J. Aird, K. Alexander, D. Ayache, R. Blackett, Dr S. Calnan, S. Clarke, M. Coidan, N. Colagiuri, R. Dominguez, J. Hall Spence, S. Henderson, M. Iskander, T. Jelenic, A. Lachsz, C. Law, A. Levin, I. McGarity, K. McKenzie, M. Nawaz, S. Naz, S. Parsons, T. Roberts, C. Robinson, G. Rohan, U. Paetzholdt (until May 2026) / S. Bathurst (from May 2026) (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 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- 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
- The rights of detained people

Activities

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

- Hosted guest speaker David Mejia-Canales, Human Rights Law Centre, on the topic of Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation
- Hosted guest speaker Kerry Weste, Human Rights for NSW Alliance, on the Human Rights Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Published a revised edition of the Law Society's paper, "Human Rights for NSW"
- Liaised with the Law Council of Australia, NCAT, NLAF and Australian Lawyers for Human Rights

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

- Administrative Review Council Migration Inquiry
- Administrative Review Tribunal
- Australia's Humanitarian Program 2025-26
- Human Rights Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Modern Slavery Act

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

- Administrative Review Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
- Australian Law Reform Commission review of surrogacy laws
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill (No 2) 2025 (Cth)
- *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1995* (NSW)
- Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism Bill 2026
- Deepfakes

- Development of an international legally binding instrument on the human rights of older persons
- Domestic Violence Rental Reforms
- Fertility Support and Assisted Reproductive Treatment in NSW
- Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2025
- Hate crimes and incidents
- Incitement of hatred
- Inquiry into supported decision-making
- Litigants in Person Practice Note
- Measures to prohibit slogans that incite hatred
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Rules: Public consultation on new framework planning
- Parallel Report to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- Proposed amendments to the Administrative Review Tribunal Rules 2024 - Authorisations for registrars and staff
- Review of Surrogacy Laws
- Review of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* (NSW) - Unlawful Conduct
- Review of the definition of a 'Terrorist Act' in section 100.1 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth)
- Review of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth)
- Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - visit to Australia
- Strengthening the Modern Slavery Act
- Victims rights
- Working with Children Checks

Indigenous Issues

2025 membership:

J. Behrendt (Co-Chair), D. Captain-Webb (Co-Chair), N. Abdi, Z. Armytage, B-J. Attard, M. Brazel (until August 2025), 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, U. Paetzholdt (Policy Lawyer).

2026 membership:

J. Behrendt (Co-Chair), D. Captain-Webb (Co-Chair), N. Abdi, Z. Armytage, B-J. Attard, S. Bailey, D. Byers, T. Cameron, R. Cavanagh, S. Crellin, Z. De Re, L. De Silva (until February 2026), Magistrate S. Duncombe (from February until March 2026), M. Gleeson, A. Hall, K. Hamer (from February 2026), L. Holden, M. Holden, N. Laing (until May 2026), J. Lovric, D. McVey, J-A. Marshall (until March 2026), J. Mewburn (from February 2026), P. Novotna, C. Robinson, K. Sinclair, L. Stefanou, D. Toomey, C. Triggs, L. Walder, R. Welsh, R. Welsh, U. Paetzholdt (Policy Lawyer).

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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- Indigenous incarceration rates (including sentencing and diversion; police accountability; deaths in custody)
- Domestic and family violence, care and protection and family law; improving compliance with laws to maintain and promote cultural connection and cultural planning for Aboriginal children in the care and family law jurisdictions
- Improving access to justice, including through Indigenous lists, Indigenous sentencing courts, funding for legal services to Indigenous people, targeted resources for the legal profession and targeted educational resources about the legal system and the legal profession for the Aboriginal community
- 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 Indigenous procurement policies)
- Protection of Aboriginal cultural rights (including burial rights; land access rights; and hunting rights)

Advocacy will consider relevant Priority Reform Areas and Targets of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, and relevant underlying drivers of legal issues, including poverty and disability.

Activities

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

- 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
- Undertook proactive advocacy on a range of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Assisted with facilitation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-specific consultations for the NSW Law Reform Commission's Review of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* (NSW)

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

- A new approach to strategic planning
- Crown Land Management Amendments
- Domestic violence tenancy reforms
- Evaluation of Amendments to the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)
- Inquiry into the continuing operation of the National Redress Scheme
- Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs' inquiry into racism, hate and violence directed at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Sunsetting of the National Redress Scheme

The Committee also contributed to joint submissions

on the following issues during the year under review:

- Administration of Sentences
- Community Safety in Regional and Rural Communities: Supplementary Questions
- Crown Land Management Amendments
- Development of an international legally binding instrument on the human rights of older persons
- Domestic violence tenancy reforms – multiple submissions
- Drug Court
- Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025 and related Bills
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Act 2025* (NSW)
- Establishing the Development Coordination Authority
- Establishment of an Accreditation Scheme for Children's Contact Services
- Fines and State debt
- Inquiry into Australia's youth justice and incarceration system
- Inquiry into identity protections for proceedings involving children
- Inquiry into supported decision-making
- Investing in Cheaper, Cleaner Energy and the Net Zero Transformation
- Investment in access to justice in NSW
- Justice Impact Assessment
- Knife wanding
- Legal Issues Bulletins
- Local Court sentencing
- Mandatory Sentencing
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Rules: Public consultation on new framework planning
- NSW Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- NSW Workplace Protection Orders
- Organised crime
- Parallel Report to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Performance crime offence
- Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- Proposed Statewide Community Participation Plan
- Protections in criminal and Apprehended Domestic Violence Order proceedings
- Residential rehabilitation
- Review of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* (NSW) - Unlawful Conduct
- Review of the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* (NSW)
- Review of the *Mandatory Disease Testing Act 2021* (NSW)
- Section 22C of the *Bail Act 2013* (NSW)
- Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - visit to Australia
- Statutory review of the sexual consent reforms
- Working with Children Checks
- Youth justice approaches and early intervention – multiple submissions

Injury Compensation

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, 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).

2026 membership:

T. Concannon (Chair), L. Davidson (Deputy Chair), A. Abboud, N. Baker, S. Butcher, R. Dababneh, L. D'Alessandri, M. Griffiths, P. Hunt, I. Jones, K. Kennedy, M. Kinna, C. Lehmann, A. Lopes, P. Macken, J. Mackovic, K. Mansfield, R. May, L. Mitchell, N. Morehead, A. Mulcahy, K. Nicholls, C. Nikolovski, K. Sawers, T. Tancred, E. Thomson, J. Thurgood, K. Toshack, R. Yousef, S. Bathurst (until May 2026) / M. Matesa (from June 2026) (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 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- 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 Motor Accidents legislation, including contributing to the 2026 statutory review of the *Motor Accidents Injuries Act 2017* (NSW)
- 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, public liability and the regulation of e-bikes/e-scooters
- 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 (PIC) Rules Committee; PIC Stakeholder Reference Group; NSW State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) Motor Accidents Legal Forum; SIRA Workers Compensation Legal Forum; the Independent Review Office's (IRO's) Approved Lawyers Group; and the Supreme Court of NSW's Common Law User Group
- Liaised with key stakeholders, including the NSW Bar Association, the Australian Lawyers Alliance, the IRO, the PIC, SIRA and the Department of Customer Service
- Made extensive submissions advocating for the involvement of the legal profession in consultation on the reforms of the NSW Workers Compensation Scheme and highlighting issues arising out of the proposed reforms including impediments to access to justice and practical workability. That advocacy also included giving evidence to the Standing Committee on Law & Justice and the Public Accountability and Works Committee of the NSW Parliament
- Contributed to the 2025 Reviews of the Lifetime Care and Support Scheme and CTP Care, as well as the 2025 Review of the Compulsory Third Party Insurance Scheme
- Liaised with the Office of the Attorney General concerning the implications of the High Court's decision in *AA v Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle* [2026] HCA 2 for future law reform addressing liability in historical and/or institutional abuse cases

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

- 2025 Review of the Compulsory Third Party Insurance Scheme
- 2025 Review of the Lifetime Care and Support Scheme
- Amendments to Motor Accident Guidelines consultation draft
- Anti-Money Laundering/Counter-Terrorism Financing – multiple submissions
- Draft Motor Accident Injuries Amendment (Claim Farming Practices Prohibition) Bill 2025
- E-micromobility sharing schemes reform
- Institutional liability for historical child sexual abuse
- *Motor Accident Injuries Act 2017* (NSW)
- NSW Workers Compensation Reform - Regulations and Guidelines Feedback
- *Personal Injury Commission Regulation 2020* – mediators
- Review of Health Provider Regulation within Personal Injury Schemes
- Road Transport and Other Legislation Amendment (Micromobility Vehicles and Smartcards) Bill 2025
- Transport Administration (General) Amendment (Public Transport Accident Compensation) Regulation 2025
- Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
- Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 - Question on Notice

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

- Industrial Relations Commission Consultation - Draft Practice Note
- Inquiry into small business insurance
- Inquiry into the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (NSW) and the provisions of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Institutional liability for historical child sexual abuse

Litigation Law and Practice

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, D. Hing, J. Howard, C. Hutchinson, G. Johnson, E. Keir, K. McCallum, K. Martin (until August 2025), 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).

2026 membership:

E. Yamine (Chair), S. Fernandez (Deputy Chair), S. Brodowski, T. Cullenward, K. David, J-P. Demos, G. Galanis, B. George, A. Hack, K. Hatakka, D. Hing, C. Hutchinson, G. Johnson, K. Jones (from May 2026), E. Keir, R. Krikorian (from February 2026), W-T. Lim, K. McCallum, M. Mills, C. Morson, C. Peterson, J. Prowse, J. Punthakey, M. Rashid-Ring, K-A. Rosati, A. Roussos, R. Ryan, M. Saville, S. Selvakumaran, J. Tyrrell, J. White, L. White, 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- Supporting efficient, accessible and proportionate civil justice processes, including court procedures, dispute resolution mechanisms and costs frameworks
- Promoting effective use of technology in the civil justice system, including consideration of the opportunities and risks arising from artificial intelligence and digital court processes
- Identifying and responding to emerging issues affecting the civil litigation practice and the administration of justice

Activities

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

- Represented the Law Society on a number of court committees and users groups, including the Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Steering Committee, Supreme Court Common Law (Civil) Users Group, Supreme Court Rules Committee, Uniform Rules Committee, Local Court Civil Liaison Committee, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) Liaison Group and NCAT Home Building Consultative Forum
- Considered and contributed to discussions to inform Law Society advocacy and practitioner support concerning the use of artificial intelligence in litigation, court transcript services and other issues affecting the efficient administration of civil justice

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

- Amendments to residential building legislation
- Anti-Money Laundering/Counter-Terrorism Financing
- Australian Solicitors' Conduct Rules
- Federal Court of Australia - Review of Digital Practices and Procedures
- Guidance Note for the Legal Profession on Client Legal Privilege and Federal Regulators
- Investment in access to justice in NSW
- Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- Use of GenAI in various courts

Privacy and Data Law

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, 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, A. Selvarajah (until October 2025), L. Sinclair, C. Tipene, Professor M. Zou, M. Lee (Policy Lawyer).

2026 membership:

O. Ganopolsky (Chair), A. Cerny (Deputy Chair), N. Allnutt, S. Blanks, H. Brown, D. Chien, C. Cloudsdale, N. Commins, C. Frankish, F. Inge, K. Keogh, Professor P. Leonard, B. Liang, I. Luke, J. McAteer, G. McGrath, T. Mehta, D. Mesman, A. Mitchell, J. Monk, S. Ng, L. Nicholson, S. O'Gorman, A-K. Park, R. Remedi, M. Saywell, L. Sinclair, C. Tipene (from February 2026), B. Tolhurst, A. Tong (from February 2026), D. Turner, 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- 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
- Monitor the number and confluence of Federal and State regulators in the performance of policy and enforcement activities relating to privacy, data, tech, and cyber, to identify, raise, and address policy and legal issues that arise in the discharge of their functions (e.g. OAIC, ACCC, ASIC, Department of Home Affairs, Digital Transformation Agency; NSW SafeWork, Information and Privacy Commission, Department of Customer Service)
- 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
- Organised a public debate event on the topic of "Privacy is no one's business" at the Law Society of NSW

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

- Children's Online Privacy
- Children's Online Privacy Code
- Horizon 2 of the 2023-2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy

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

- Anti-Money Laundering/Counter-Terrorism Financing - multiple submissions
- Automated decision making
- Deepfakes
- Federal Court of Australia - Review of Digital Practices and Procedures
- Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2025
- Harnessing Data and Digital Technology Interim Report - Productivity Commission
- Inquiry into the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (NSW) and the provisions of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- Use of GenAI in various courts

Property Law

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. Newton, E. Oros, M. Osborne, Dr S. Pallavicini, N. Scanlon, D. Skapinker, A. Stiles (until September 2025), G. Stilianou, L. Temple (from September 2025), S. Yang, A. Yazdani, G. Lea (Policy Lawyer).

2026 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. Newton, E. Oros, M. Osborne, C. Pahl, Dr S. Pallavicini, N. Scanlon, D. Skapinker, A. Stiles, G. Stilianou (until April 2026), D. Stott, S. Yang, 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- Participate in consultations regarding electronic conveyancing and the interoperability of electronic lodgment 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 ongoing building reform consultations and the 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:

- Drafted the text of the Contract for the sale and purchase of land 2026
- Participated in various roundtable discussions with NSW Fair Trading, including in relation to building, tenancy and strata law reforms
- Participate in consultations on anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing reforms
- Participated in quarterly liaison meetings with NSW Land Registry Services and the Office of the Registrar General
- Participated in the Law Council of Australia's National Electronic Conveyancing System Committee and consultations on the eConveyancing regulatory framework
- 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 reforms and conveyancing legislation
- Participated in consultation with the NSW Building Commission on building reforms

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

- Consultation Draft Lodgment Rules Version 2.2
- eConveyancing landscape risks
- Electronic dealings
- Information certificates
- Inquiry into Competition Reforms in Electronic Conveyancing - multiple submissions
- Property agent laws
- Proposed Real Property Regulation 2026
- Retail leases
- Review of Electronic Lodgment Network Operator Service Fees
- Strata Schemes
- Support for strata committee members

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

- Amendments to residential building legislation
- Anti-Money Laundering/Counter-Terrorism Financing – multiple submissions
- Australian Solicitors' Conduct Rules 2015 and Uniform Legal Practice Rules
- Domestic violence tenancy reform
- Draft Revenue Ruling
- Environmental Planning and Assessment
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Act 2025* (NSW)
- Granny flat arrangements
- Land tax
- NSW Fair Trading draft strata repairs policy
- Proposed landlord offence relating to illicit tobacco sales in NSW – multiple submissions
- Review of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* (NSW) - Unlawful Conduct
- Strata Commissions Review

Public Law

2025 membership:

G. Johnson (Chair), D. Smith (Deputy Chair), A. Chalk, Dr E. Hammond, R. Heinrich, Dr M. Keenan, V. La, A. Mojtahedi, P. Mullane, M. O'Brien, K. Perini, G. Rohan, H. Sims, M. Smyth, T. Spirovski, V. Tiano, Dr A. Tsacalos, A. Walsh, A. Zekanovic, S. Bathurst (Policy Lawyer).

2026 membership:

G. Johnson (Chair), D. Smith (Deputy Chair), J. Best, A. Chalk, J. Dolphin, Dr E. Hammond, K. Harrison, R. Heinrich, F. Inge, Dr M. Keenan, A. Mojtahedi, P. Mullane, M. O'Brien, G. Rohan, H. Sims, M. Smyth, V. Tiano, Dr A. Tsacalos, S. Wyatt, A. Zekanovic, P. Mandalawatta (until May 2026) / S. Bathurst (from May 2026) (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 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- Considering ways to promote the rule of law, including educative initiatives, and supporting robust, evidence-based and democratic law-making
- Identifying opportunities to improve access to review mechanisms in relation to administrative decisions and reasons (e.g. greater provision of internal review, external merits review etc)
- Monitoring matters that affect the powers, independence and effectiveness of investigative and oversight bodies (e.g. Independent Commission Against Corruption, Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, National Anti-Corruption Commission, Ombudsman, Electoral Commissions, Auditors General and Information Commissioners)
- Supporting and monitoring the role and resilience of public institutions (including the use of delegated powers, public access to the written law, access to justice, and the performance and integrity of administrative law systems)
- Considering the role of technology in administrative decision making, including the impacts of Automated Decision Making and Artificial Intelligence
- 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, including the role of media and social media and responding to misinformation and disinformation

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, Aimee Bryant, Manager, Law Reform and Advocacy, New Zealand Law Society, to discuss the report, *Strengthening the rule of law in Aotearoa New Zealand*.

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

- Legislative reform in response to Bondi violence
- Public Sector Whistleblower Reforms

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

- Administration of Sentences
- Administrative Review Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill (No 2) 2025 (Cth)
- Australian Solicitors' Conduct Rules
- Automated decision making
- Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism Bill 2026

- Consolidation of the provisions of the *Interpretation Act 1987* (NSW), *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989* (NSW) and *Legislation Review Act 1987* (NSW) relating to delegated legislation
- Crown Land Management Amendments
- Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2025
- Guidance Note for the Legal Profession on Client Legal Privilege and Federal Regulators
- Incitement of hatred
- Investment in access to justice in NSW
- Justice Impact Assessment
- Litigants in Person Practice Note
- Measures to prohibit slogans that incite hatred
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Rules: Public consultation on new framework planning
- Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- Proposed amendments to the Administrative Review Tribunal Rules 2024 - Authorisations for registrars and staff
- Review of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* (NSW) - Unlawful Conduct
- Review of the definition of a 'Terrorist Act' in section 100.1 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth)
- Review of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth)
- Secrecy Provisions Amendment (Repealing Offences) Bill 2026 (Cth)
- Updated Guidance Note on Client Legal Privilege and Federal Regulators
- Use of Gen AI in court

Revenue NSW/Law Society Liaison

2025 membership:

R. Barbour (Co-Chair), C. Smythe (Co-Chair) (until October 2025), B. Hewitt (Co-Chair from October- 2025), R. Andrews, B. Baker, M. Brewster, M. Coleman, B. Collins, P. Gell, F. Di Francesco, V. Donnelly, A. Fernandez, D. Giesser, J. Hickman, M. Holman, R. Kable, D. Lam, F. Lam, J. Lee, S. Meyer M. Morris, R. Newey, R. Nguyen, M. Nowell, S. Paterson, G. Ryan, V. Sharma, M. Telan, L. To, G. Vale, D. Wong, L. Wood-Bradley, A. Zbaras, G. Lea (Policy Lawyer).

2026 membership:

R. Barbour (Co-Chair), B. Hewitt (Co-Chair from May 2026), R. Kable (Co-Chair from January to April 2026), R. Andrews, B. Baker, M. Brewster, M. Coleman, B. Collins, F. Di Francesco, V. Donnelly, V. Faint, D. Giesser, J. Hickman, M. Holman, D. Jayatileka, D. Lam, F. Lam, J. Lee, M. McKee, M. Morris, S. Navan, R. Newey, R. Nguyen, M. Nowell, S. Paterson, V. Sharma, M. Tantchev, M. Telan, L. To, R. Ung, G. Vale, D. Wong, L. Wood-Bradley, A. Zbaras, 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 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 contributed to joint submissions on the following issues during the year under review:

- Draft Revenue Rulings - multiple submissions
- *Duties Act 1997* (NSW) - multiple submissions
- Land tax - multiple submissions

Rural Issues

2025 membership:

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

2026 membership:

A. Ferguson (Chair), A. Gordon (Deputy Chair), G. Chamberlain, C. Colwell, T. Cullenward, C. Egan, J. Fletcher, D. Ford, V. Gibson, K. Goodacre, D. Hughes, S. Morgan, N. Savage, J. Spear, P. Vagg, J. Watson, 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 2026

The Committee identified the following priority issues for 2026:

- Improving access to justice and legal services in rural, regional and remote communities
- Supporting sustainable and effective legal practice in rural, regional and remote New South Wales, including through measures that assist recruitment and retention of practitioners
- Identifying and responding to legal and policy issues that disproportionately affect rural, regional and remote communities, including the operation of taxation and succession frameworks affecting primary producers and rural landholders

Activities

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

- Provided support and assistance for legal careers and recruitment initiatives in rural, regional and remote New South Wales
- Provided advice on topics and speakers for the Rural Issues Annual Conference
- Contributed to consultations and advocacy concerning anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing reforms and other issues affecting rural and regional legal practice
- Engaged with government agencies and stakeholders on legal and policy issues affecting rural communities, including taxation matters relevant to primary producers and rural landholders

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

- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing - multiple submissions
- *Duties Act 1997* (NSW)
- Investment in access to justice in NSW
- Land tax
- NSW Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27

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

- Administration of Sentences
- Administrative Review Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
- Amendments to residential building legislation
- Amendments to various residential building legislation
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing - multiple submissions
- Australian Solicitors' Conduct Rules and Uniform Legal Practice Rules
- Australian Law Reform Commission review of surrogacy laws
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill (No 2) 2025 (Cth)
- Australian Solicitors' Conduct Rules
- Australian Solicitors' Conduct Rules 2015 and Uniform Legal Practice Rules
- Australian Taxation Office - draft Determination - multiple submissions
- Automated decision making
- *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1995* (NSW)
- Climate Change and Natural Hazards
- Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism Bill 2026
- Community Safety in Regional and Rural Communities: Supplementary Questions
- Consolidation of the provisions of the *Interpretation Act 1987* (NSW), *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989* (NSW) and *Legislation Review Act 1987* (NSW) relating to delegated legislation
- Crown Land Management Amendments
- Deepfakes
- Development of an international legally binding instrument on the human rights of older persons
- Domestic Violence Rental Reforms - multiple submissions
- Draft Revenue Rulings - multiple submissions
- Drug Court
- *Duties Act 1997* (NSW) - multiple submissions
- Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025 and related Bills
- Environmental Planning and Assessment
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Act 2025* (NSW)
- Establishing the Development Coordination Authority
- Establishment of an Accreditation Scheme for Children's Contact Services
- Estate and estate planning records
- Federal Court of Australia - Review of Digital Practices and Procedures
- Fertility Support and Assisted Reproductive Treatment in NSW
- Fines and state debt
- Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2025
- Granny flat arrangements
- Guidance Note for the Legal Profession on Client Legal Privilege and Federal Regulators
- Harnessing Data and Digital Technology Interim Report - Productivity Commission
- Hate crimes and incidents
- Incitement of hatred
- Industrial Relations Commission Consultation - Draft Practice Note
- Inquiry into Australia's youth justice and incarceration system
- Inquiry into identity protections for proceedings involving children
- Inquiry into small business insurance
- Inquiry into supported decision-making
- Inquiry into the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (NSW) and the provisions of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Bill 2025 (NSW)
- Institutional liability for historical child sexual abuse
- Investing in Cheaper, Cleaner Energy and the Net Zero Transformation
- Investment in access to justice in NSW
- Joint Costs Advisory Committee Inquiry 2025
- Justice Impact Assessment
- Knife wanding
- Land tax - multiple submissions
- Legal Issues Bulletins - multiple submissions
- Litigants in Person Practice Note
- Local Court sentencing
- Mandatory sentencing
- Measures to prohibit slogans that incite hatred
- National hate crimes and incidents
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Rules: Public consultation on new framework planning
- NSW Fair Trading draft strata repairs policy
- NSW Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27
- NSW Workplace Protection Orders
- Organised crime
- Parallel Report to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Performance crime offence
- Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27 (Cth)

- Proposed amendments to the Administrative Review Tribunal Rules 2024 - Authorisations for registrars and staff
- Proposed landlord offence relating to illicit tobacco sales in NSW – multiple submissions
- Proposed Statewide Community Participation Plan
- Protected persons in Apprehended Domestic Violence Order proceedings
- Protections in criminal and Apprehended Domestic Violence Order proceedings
- Reform to non-compete clauses and other restraints on workers
- Residential rehabilitation
- Review of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* (NSW) - Unlawful Conduct
- Review of Surrogacy Laws – multiple submissions
- Review of the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* (NSW)
- Review of the definition of a 'Terrorist Act' in section 100.1 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth)
- Review of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth)
- Review of the *Mandatory Disease Testing Act 2021* (NSW)
- Secrecy Provisions Amendment (Repealing Offences) Bill 2026 (Cth)
- Section 22C of the *Bail Act 2013* (NSW)
- Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - visit to Australia
- Statutory review of the sexual consent reforms
- Strata Commissions Review
- Strengthening the Modern Slavery Act
- Treasury consultation on preventing perpetrators from accessing victims' super death benefits
- Updated Guidance Note on Client Legal Privilege and Federal Regulators
- Use of GenAI in various courts – multiple submissions
- Victims rights
- Working with Children Checks
- Youth justice approaches and early intervention – multiple submissions

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