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Dear Attorney-General

Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Bill

Thank you for making your Chief of Staff, James Sullivan, and officers from your Department available to meet with the Society's Criminal Law Committee yesterday, to provide a briefing in relation to the proposed *Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Bill 2016* (the Bill).

The Society understands from this meeting that the Bill is to be introduced next Tuesday, 13 September 2016.

Your delegates expressed an appreciation for the Committee's collective expertise in providing comment both on the practical realities of, and the fundamental legal issues associated with this Bill's proposed provisions.

While we have not seen a draft Bill, the Society holds concerns around aspects of the Bill discussed by your representatives, including the imperative of judicial oversight of police consorting powers.

Accordingly, we would like to meet with you or your representatives urgently again before the Bill is introduced into Parliament next Tuesday to discuss this and other fundamental legislative principles.

Please contact Julia Connelly, Policy Solicitor, on (07) 3842 5884 or at J.Connelly@qls.com.au to arrange a time and date for this meeting to take place.

Yours faithfully



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