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Dear President

Inquiry into Human Organ Trafficking and Organ Transplant Tourism

Thank you for your memo dated 3 July 2017 and the opportunity to provide comments on the inquiry into human organ trafficking and organ transplant tourism. Queensland Law Society appreciates being consulted on this important issue. This response has been compiled with the assistance of the Criminal Law Committee.

The Society supports Australia acceding to the 2014 Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs.

The Society also considers that it is appropriate that the offence of organ trafficking under division 271 of the Criminal Code have extraterritorial application.

Should you wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you require clarification of any of the issues raised in our letter, please contact our Acting Advocacy Manager and Senior Policy Solicitor, Ms Binari De Saram on (07) 3842 5895 or b.desaram@qls.com.au.

Yours faithfully



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