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Dear Mr President

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOUR ORDERS ACT 2010 WA

We write to lend our support in regard to the *Prohibited Behaviour Orders Act 2010 WA*, which we understand is now in effect in your State. The Queensland Law Society's Criminal Law Section discussed the legislation at their last meeting and were concerned about the effects of the legislation.

We commend you for the strong stance your Law Society has taken on the issue and note in particular your comments in the Sydney Morning Herald article of 23 February 2011 where you labelled the laws "repugnant", saying they would not prevent offenders from engaging in particular behaviours. We agree with your position and write to ask whether you would like the assistance and support of our Criminal Law Section in your advocacy on this issue. We would also be pleased to receive any submissions you have made on the legislation.

If you are agreeable, please contact or have one of your staff contact Ms Binny De Saram, a Policy Solicitor with our office on (07) 3842 5885 or b.desaram@qls.com.au.

Yours faithfully

Bruce Doyle
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