

Quote in reply: Property and Development Law Committee

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Mr Andrew Fraser MP  
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Dear Treasurer

### **NECO ADVOCACY FOR CONVEYANCER PRACTICE IN QUEENSLAND**

As a result of concerns raised by our members, we have been made aware that the National Electronic Conveyancing Office has been distributing 'NECSpress' e-newsletters with inaccurate and unauthorised content.

We bring to your attention issue 48 of the NECSpress e-newsletter dated 4 May 2010. This e-newsletter notes a submission made to the taskforces working on the National Reforms of the Legal Profession and Occupational Licensing. This e-newsletter describes the main points of the submission to the taskforces and holds the following view with respect to the introduction of conveyancers into NECS:

- *The anomaly of licensed conveyancers being neither provided for nor recognised in the ACT and Queensland and the uncertainty this creates for transacting parties engaging conveyancers to use NECS on property transactions in those jurisdictions.*
- *The value in certainty and confidence for NECS users of legal practitioner and licensed conveyancer regulation being respectively consistent across the nation with regard to at least eligibility criteria, codes of conduct, disciplinary measures, liability cover and trustee arrangements.*

We reiterate our strong opposition of the introduction of conveyancers in Queensland. We emphasise that our position on this issue is clearly set out in our most recent letter to the Honourable Cameron Dick MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Industrial Relations dated 11 May 2010, which is **enclosed** for your reference.

If there is to be any change to the current Queensland position with respect to conveyancers, we request that the Queensland Law Society be consulted in the early stages of the policy development process

Yours faithfully

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**President**