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Dear Premier

## **ELECTRONIC CONVEYANCING NATIONAL LAW**

I write in support of Queensland being a part of the electronic conveyancing initiative.

The Queensland Law Society has supported in principle the introduction of electronic conveyancing into this State for many years. This support has always been qualified by a desire to see the implementation of the system providing real benefits to consumers and not to increase the risk and professional liability for legal practitioners.

The Society has made its position clear to the Australian Registrar's National Electronic Conveyancing Council (ARNECC). Through the Queensland Land Titles Office, ARNECC has actively consulted and engaged with the Society on our concerns. While the final form of the system's participation rules have not yet been settled, ARNECC has accommodated many of the issues raised by the Society and we are comfortable that a mutually acceptable position can be achieved.

In the absence of a settled regulatory framework and a working operational system model, it is difficult to assess the quantum of benefit which will flow to Queensland consumers. There is, however, obvious benefit in removing the need to conduct a physical settlement of all parties as well as the system disbursing payments to some government authorities automatically.

The electronic conveyancing initiative is being developed in a way that respects each jurisdiction's differences and builds on their commonalities. It has the potential to provide benefits to consumers and legal practitioners.

Yours faithfully

Dr John de Groot  
**President**