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Mr Michael Crandon MP  
Chair  
Finance and Administration Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Crandon

### **INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATION OF QUEENSLAND'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION SCHEME**

Thank you for your letter of 5 October 2012 inviting the Queensland Law Society to appear at the Committee's hearing to be held at Parliament House on Wednesday, 14 November 2012, at 9:30am.

The Society is pleased to accept the Committee's invitation and will make representatives available at that time. We will advise the names of the Society's representatives in due course.

We note that only one hour has been allocated in the busy Committee schedule for all legal sector stakeholders to attend the panel style hearing. We appreciate that there are time pressures on the Committee and there are very many stakeholders who wish to be heard on the issues associated with this inquiry. Given the significance to the legal profession of the issues under consideration we would ask the Committee to extend the time available to legal sector stakeholders at the hearing, or alternatively, to add a further session for peak bodies to address the Committee.

The argument for some additional time is supported by the recent release of final results for the 2011 / 12 year as well as the fourteenth edition of the Comparative Performance Monitoring Report.

As an additional matter, it is usual for the Committee to receive from the Department a table of responses to stakeholders' submissions prior to the public hearing. In the interests of transparency, it would be appreciated if that response would be shared with relevant stakeholders.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Dr John de Groot  
**President**