

11 August 2014

The Hon. Jarrod Bleijie MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
Department of Justice and Attorney General
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By Post and Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Attorney-General

Request to convene roundtable for the review of the *Mental Health Act 2000*

I write in relation to the review of *Mental Health Act 2000* currently being undertaken by the Department of Health.

The review raises a broad range of issues which will have significant potential impacts on Queensland's justice system. I understand that a number of the Society's concerns in relation to these issues are shared by other legal profession stakeholders.

The review will have far reaching implications for several government departments and a broad range of stakeholders.

The process of the review is, as is often the case, being conducted in a linear fashion which precludes stakeholders having the opportunity to review and provide feedback in relation to other stakeholder submissions and the relevant departmental responses.

To ensure an appropriate whole of government response, which takes into consideration the considered views of all stakeholders, the Society proposes that a roundtable working group be convened. Past roundtable working groups convened by you have been very successful and this review would, in the Society's view, be best approached using such a process.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss the matter further with you and if so, we would be pleased if your office could contact our Senior Policy Solicitor, Ms Binari De Saram on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] to arrange a mutually convenient meeting time.

Yours faithfully



Ian Brown

President