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Dear Dr Popple

Inquiry into the operation of the National Redress Scheme

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Inquiry into the operation of the National Redress Scheme (**the Scheme**). The Queensland Law Society (**QLS**) appreciates being consulted on this important topic.

This response has been compiled by the QLS Accident Compensation and Tort Law Committee, whose members have substantial relevant expertise.

QLS acknowledges the feedback summarised at item 5 of the Law Council's memorandum of 2 December 2025 and the Law Council's position regarding advocating for an extension of the scheme's operational timeline as set out in paragraph 8.

QLS did not provide the Law Council with feedback on the extension issue as there are divergent views as to whether the date for new applications should be extended. While QLS has not itself reached a settled position on whether the scheme should be extended to allow new applications after 30 June 2027, and if so for how long, at a minimum QLS is supportive of extending the scheme to ensure that all applications made before that date are properly processed and determined.

In terms of the scheme generally, QLS is aware there are concerns regarding claim farming in the scheme and a perceived increase in spurious claims as the scheme goes on. Claim farming is of particular concern in remote Indigenous communities and prisons. QLS supports advocating for the prohibition of claim farming in the scheme based on the Queensland claim farming laws, which we summarised in a letter to the Law Council dated 22 March 2023.

QLS also considers that there are aspects of the recommendations made by the Joint Standing Committee on Implementation of the National Redress Scheme in its November 2024 report that ought to be implemented to improve the scheme. These include recommendations 3, 5, 18 and 24, and recommendation 20 to the extent that it relates to claim farming.

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QLS is concerned by other aspects of recommendation 20. For example, contingency fees are already prohibited in Queensland under section 325 of the *Legal Profession Act 2007* (Qld). These issues were addressed in respect of similar recommendations made by knowmore in 2020 in QLS's letter to the Law Council dated 13 November 2020.

If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact our Legal Policy team via policy@qls.com.au or by phone on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully



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President