

## Legal Practitioners Admissions Board

### Strategic Plan 2019 – 2023

#### Our Vision

The Board aims to support the judiciary, the legal profession, and the public interest by ensuring the integrity of those entering the legal profession, and safeguarding the educational and practical legal training standards of the legal profession.

#### Our Purpose

The Board's purpose under the *Legal Profession Act 2007* (Qld) is to assist the Supreme Court by making a recommendation about each application for admission as a Lawyer in Queensland. In doing so, the Board considers whether an application is made under the *Supreme Court (Admission) Rules 2004*, whether an applicant is eligible and suitable for admission, and whether there are other matters the Court may consider relevant to the application.

#### Our Values

- Integrity
- Accountability
- Respect
- Safeguarding standards
- Supporting the legal profession

#### Our Objectives and Strategies

- Establish services that are easy to use through revitalised processes and investing in projects to deliver efficiency and cost-effectiveness while maintaining the integrity of the admission process
- Be a responsive statutory body by achieving compliance, discharging statutory obligations and improving governance
- Reduce contribution to climate change by ensuring efficient use of resources
- Improve education and training regulations and standards within legal education to engage Queenslanders in education, training and work, ensure the employability of legal professionals, and create jobs by encouraging overseas applicants to complete assessments requirements in Queensland

#### Our Strategic Challenges and Risks

- Increasing numbers of persons seeking to enter the legal profession
- Ensuring the integrity of those seeking to practice within the legal profession
- Ensuring high standard of educational and practical legal training courses according to national requirements
- Community concerns as to the level of integrity within the legal profession
- National uniformity and consistency within the admission processes and legal profession
- Reducing costs through efficient and effective use of resources

#### Measuring Our Success

- Review and revise information kits available to applicants seeking admission to the legal profession
- Continued progress and discussions with stakeholders to implement an online admission portal
- Engage in actively informing applicants seeking admission of requirements and material to be provided noting in particular processes for those with suitability issues
- High quality review of applications received to ensure all relevant information is provided to the Board
- Timeliness of Board papers and briefing on each application being considered by the Board
- Annual review and update of statutory compliance documents required under Queensland legislation
- Yearly review, update and publication of Queensland Lawyers Companion ensuring cost effectiveness and efficient use of materials to reduce contribution to climate change
- Review and prepare program and documentation for reviewing law programs being modified, amended or reviewed by law schools in Queensland
- Maintenance of National Register of Law Programs offered within Australia