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Dear Mr Smithers

REVIEW OF THE FAMILY LAW SYSTEM

I refer to your Memorandum dated 14 March 2018 requesting input for a submission to the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) in relation to the above. I also refer to the letter from Ms Wendy Kayler-Thomson, Chair of the Family Law Section, dated 16 April 2018 seeking feedback on a draft Law Council submission and asking the Constituent Bodies whether they propose to make their own submissions to the ALRC.

The Law Society did not provide any feedback on the Law Council's submission or make its own submission to the ALRC. However, the Family Law Practitioners' Association of Western Australia (Inc) (FLPAWA) has provided the Law Society with copies of the submissions made by FLPAWA and the Law Council to the ALRC and has sought the Law Society's support for those submissions. Copies are enclosed for your ease of reference.

The Law Society has now had the opportunity to review the submissions and, though I appreciate that the period for making submissions to the ALRC has closed, I am pleased to advise that the Law Society supports and endorses FLPAWA's submissions.

Yours sincerely



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