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Dear Mr Tidball

OPTIONS TO ENHANCE THE FAMILY SAFETY COMPETENCY OF LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

We refer to your Memorandum dated 3 November 2020. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your submission on the above.

The Law Society of Western Australia has reviewed the draft options. We have also sought the views of the Family Law Practitioners Association of Western Australia (FLPAWA), who had made a submission to the Western Australian Department of Justice on this matter in 2019.

The Law Society of Western Australia and FLPAWA both agree with the preference of the Law Council of Australia for the non-mandatory position that would involve strongly encouraging the legal profession to undertake at least one unit of CPD in family safety each year (option 1(b)).

If you have any queries please contact Mary Woodford, General Manager Advocacy on (08) 9324 8646 or mwoodford@lawsocietywa.asn.au

Yours sincerely



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