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30 April 2009

Mr Peter Hallahan
The Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary,

Re: Inquiry into Australia's Judicial System and the role of judges
Inquiry into access to justice

I enclose a submission to the committee on behalf of International Commission of Jurists Australia in relation to the Inquiry into Australia's Judicial System and the role of judges.

A submission on behalf of the Australian section is being prepared on the Inquiry into access to justice by the Victorian branch of International Commission of Jurists Australia (ICJA).

Either one of the other members of ICJA or I would be prepared to give evidence or to supplement any material which we have provided.

I may be contacted on (02) 9266 0950 or via email at president@icj-aust.org.au.

Yours faithfully,

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