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Dear Ms Dunstone,

**Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019 and Migration
Agents Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2019**

I refer to your email of 3 December 2019.

I advise that the Legal Services Commission of South Australia proposes to only comment on the *Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2019*.

The Legal Services Commission provides legal advice and extended assistance to clients in migration matters. Alleged domestic violence against provisional partner visa holders by their partners is the leading reason clients seek our assistance. We also assist with claims for permanent protection visas and humanitarian visas and provide a telephone advisory service for clients facing visa cancellation on character grounds. In the 2018/2019 financial years the Legal Services Commission provided 384 assistance services in migration matters.

With regard to the proposed amendments, the Legal Services Commission welcomes the removal of the need for legal practitioners to hold separate registration as migration agents.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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Director