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### **Consultation on amendments to the *Legal Profession Act 2007***

The Sentencing Advisory Council has considered the consultation version of the *Legal Profession Amendment (Validation) Bill 2019*.

The Council notes that this Bill amends s361 of the *Legal Profession Act 2007* to clarify the range and type of persons and organisations that the Minister for Justice can invite to make application for grants of money from the excess funds in the Solicitors' Guarantee Fund. The Bill also validates certain past decisions to invite and/or approve previous grants from the Fund.

The Council supports the Bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Yours sincerely

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