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Dear Mr Shadow Attorney

**Neighbourhood Dispute Resolution Bill 2010**

I refer to your letter of 4 August 2010, and thank you for providing the above Bill which has been introduced to the Parliament by the Hon Bob Such MLC, to the Society for comment.

Generally, the Society does not object to the intent of the draft legislation which may have a positive effect in “unclogging” the minor civil list in the Magistrates Court.

However the provisions of section 13 – “Conciliation of complaint” will impact on Community Legal Centres which are already under-resourced. This needs to be borne in mind should the legislation be passed.

We also have a concern at the “open ended” reference to “a person” in Section 11(2).

This Section should be tightened considerably to define who “a person” will be in this context. At the very least, it should include some connection between the “person” and the dispute.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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