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Ms Margery Nicoll  
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Dear Margery

***Joint Costs Advisory Committee – Inquiry***

I refer to a memorandum from the Secretary-General (1 July 2011) inviting comments on the LCA's draft submission to the Joint Costs Advisory Committee.

The Society's Costs Committee considered the draft response at its meeting on 6 July 2011. We suggest that the proposed submission be reconsidered in light of the new costs regime in the Federal Court. With the advent of the new Federal Court Costs Scale there is a huge disparity between costs in the Federal jurisdictions, which results in inequity. We consider that this inequity should be addressed.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Ralph Böning  
**PRESIDENT**