

## **Call for nominations to the Law Council Corporate Governance Committee**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. As reported to the Directors at their December 2020 meeting, the Corporate Governance Committee has been in abeyance since late 2019.
2. At its 8 May 2021 meeting the Executive Committee nominated a new Chair, Mr Luke Murphy and a new Executive Member, Mr Greg McIntyre SC to the Committee with a view to re-establish the work of the Committee.
3. The ongoing members of the Committee are Mr David Price (member) and Mr Tom May OAM (member).
4. The Law Council Board Committees' Charter relevantly provides that:
  - (a) members of the Board Committees are to be appointed by Directors on the recommendation of the President-elect,
  - (b) members of the Board Governance Committees are to hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the calendar year following, but may be reappointed, and
  - (c) in identifying the non-exofficio members, the President-elect may consult as widely as appropriate, but should consult with the Chair of the relevant Committee.
5. The Charter provides that membership of the Committee is as follows:
  - A member of the Executive (Chair)
  - One other member of the Executive
  - Up to four other members with expertise relevant to the Committee's Terms of Reference, at least one of whom must be a non-Executive Director of the Law Council of Australia.

Chief Executive Officer – in attendance

General Manager Corporate Governance – in attendance

### **Terms of Reference**

6. The role of the CGC includes the review and development of recommendations on:
  - (a) Law Council policies and procedures to enhance:
    - (i) guidance on internal Law Council structures and processes;
    - (ii) company controls and accountability systems (including legal compliance),
    - (iii) development of corporate strategy and objectives, and the reporting of performance thereof;
    - (iv) monitoring legislative change relevant to the governance of the Law Council; and
    - (v) codes of conduct.
  - (b) proposals to amend the Constitution of the Law Council.
  - (c) Monitoring its obligations to maintain registration as a Charity, including to:
    - Remain not-for-profit and pursue a charitable purpose
    - notify the ACNC, and where required, ASIC of changes by annual reporting; and
    - comply with governance standards.