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Dear ~~Chair~~ 

Commercial Arbitration Bill 2012

I am in receipt of the email received from Ms Bradley attaching a copy of the Bar Association of Queensland letter of 29 November 2012, commenting upon the *Commercial Arbitration Bill 2012*.

I write as Chair of the Queensland Law Society Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (with the consent of the Society), on behalf of the Institute of Mediators and Arbitrators Australia as its Queensland Chapter Chair (with the support of the National President) and as Vice President of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration on its behalf.

These organisations would commend the Bar Association for its thoughtful observations.

However, the position of these organisations is that in the interests of uniformity the Bill, in its present form, should be passed, with any amendments to be the subject of subsequent review and discussion.

It may well be that there are a number of amendments to the Act once in operation which will warrant consideration. The Law Society has already noted its interest in monitoring the use by

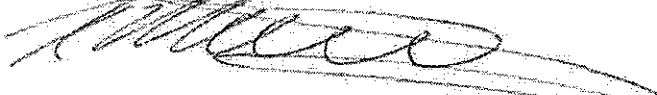
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parties of section 27D of the Act. However, any amendments to the present model Bill will be best considered after a period of operation of the model form of the legislation.

Yours faithfully

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