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Guardianship & Administration &
Other Legislation Amendment
Bill 2012
Submission 006

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Dear Mr Hopper

Re: Guardianship and Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

Thank you very much for your letter of 18 September 2012.

Two parts of the Bill touch upon the work of my Office and I offer the following brief comment in relation to them:-

- **Public Advocate:** I had previously offered a view to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (in respect of the then proposed Bill) that my Office saw no legal nor administrative issue with that Bill. The strengthening of the role and function of the Public Advocate, including its independence is a matter which I fully support.
- **Trustee Companies Act 1968:** The proposed amendments to the *Trustee Companies Act 1968* facilitate the regime generally provided for in Chapter 5 D of the *Corporations Act* – and my Office has no objection to those changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours faithfully

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