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Justice & Other Legislation
Submission 002

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Parliament House
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Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the letter dated 11 June 2013 from Mr Ian Berry MP Chair of the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee inviting comment on the *Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013*.

I do not think it would be appropriate for me to comment on provisions contained in this Bill that are outside my policy responsibilities. The only provisions I will comment on are Clauses 81 to 83 which amend the *Guardianship and Administration Act 2000*.

I support these proposed amendments which facilitate the appointment of an Acting Public Advocate for up to 6 months by the Minister and which also facilitate the appointment of casual Community Visitors.

Community Visitors play an essential role in protecting the fundamental human rights of individuals subject to intellectual disability or mental illnesses who are housed in community funded accommodation arrangements. This amendment will facilitate the appointment of people possessing unique skills to this vital role.

If the Committee requires any further advice or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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