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Dear Research Director

Law Reform Amendment Bill 2011 – call for submissions

I have received Ms Stone MP's letter of 21 December 2011.

I have carefully considered the amendments proposed by the Law Reform Amendment Bill 2011.

It would not appear that any of the proposed amendments fall directly within the remit of the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration.

I would add, however, that in relation to the ability of Magistrates to conduct certain proceedings using audio/visual link facilities, there is provision in Victoria to this effect and you might like to look at the Victorian provisions. In this regard, reference could be made to Part IIA of the Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958 (Vic).

In relation to the Competence and Compellability of spouses in non-criminal proceedings, reference can be made to Section 12 of the Evidence Act 2008 (Vic) which is replicated in all jurisdictions which have adopted the Uniform Evidence legislation.

Yours sincerely

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