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Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN MLC, Attorney General.

Dated: 6 March 2015.

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Preamble

OCCUPATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The New South Wales Bar Association (ACN 000 033 652) is an Australian Public Company, Limited by Guarantee. The Association's current Scheme commenced on 1 July 2010. The NSW Bar Association's website is www.nswbar.asn.au

The occupational group represented by the Association is barristers holding a New South Wales practising certificate. The Scheme only applies to barristers who hold a New South Wales practising certificate, who are members of the Association and who hold approved professional indemnity insurance as provided for in the Scheme. The number of members eligible to be covered by the Scheme is approximately 2100.

The Association's objectives are outlined in clause 3 of the Constitution and include—

- to promote the administration of justice;
- to promote, maintain and improve the interests and standards of local practising barristers;
- to make recommendations with respect to legislation, law reform, rules of court and the business and procedure of courts;
- to seek to ensure that the benefits of the administration of justice are reasonably and equally available to all members of the community;
- to arrange and promote continuing legal education;
- to promote fair and honourable practice amongst barristers; to suppress, discourage and prevent malpractice and professional misconduct;
- to inquire into questions as to professional conduct and etiquette of barristers;
- to confer and cooperate with bodies in Australia or elsewhere representing the profession of the law;
- to encourage professional, educational, cultural and social relations amongst the members of the Bar Association; and
- to make donations to charities and such other objects in the public interest as determined from time to time by the Bar Council.