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Mr Philip Selth OAM Executive Director NSW Bar Association Selborne Chambers 174 Phillip Street Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Philip

Further to my letter of 11 October 2010, I am writing to provide you with an update about changes to access arrangements for the Queens Square Law Courts building.

The refurbishment of the Ground Floor public foyer is progressing on schedule, i.e.

- 1. The ceiling and façade/glazing in the Macquarie Street foyer has been replaced, together with some of the existing flooring. Completion of these works is expected on Friday 19 August 2011.
- 2. The internal stairs to Level 4, and the associated overhead bridge, have been removed. These works are ongoing and will be completed in conjunction with the internal re-cladding of the northern wall.
- 3. Early works have commenced regarding the planned changes to the Queens Square building perimeter.
- 4. From Monday 22 August 2011, the Macquarie Street end of the Ground Floor will be used for all entry and exit. The Phillip Street end of the lobby will be hoarded off for refurbishment.
- 5. Completion is expected, with the entire lobby re-opened for access from Queens Square, in February 2012.

Access to all courts and registries will be maintained throughout these works. Every effort will be made to minimise noise, dust and other disturbance to lobby traffic, and a lot of work will be carried out on weekends or overnight. Some congestion is expected at the 'temporary' Macquarie Street entrance,

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particularly at peak times, and it would be prudent for litigants to allow some extra time for travel to their courts until the lobby refurbishment is fully completed.

I would be pleased if you could advise your members of the above arrangements. Information about the lobby works program, and refurbishment works on other floors, is also available through our web site.

Any inquiries regarding this issue should be directed to the Building Manager, Mr Stephen Lawes (telephone 9230 8015).

Yours sincerely

Gordon Foster

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