Law Council congratulates Attorneys-General and the profession on national reform progress

The Law Council of Australia welcomes yesterday's announcement of the selection of the host jurisdictions for the legislation and the new National Legal Services Board and National Legal Services Commissioner.

Law Council of Australia President, Mr Alexander Ward said he was pleased with the positive outcomes from discussions between the Commonwealth Attorney-General and the New South Wales, Victorian, Queensland and Northern Territory Attorneys-General.

"Yesterday's announcement is a significant step in the reform process begun over two and a half years ago and we are now well and truly in the implementation phase of this important project.

"I would like to thank the Law Council's constituent bodies for their assistance and hard work in supporting the Law Council's contribution to this national reform project.

"I would especially like to thank the very valuable contributions of the law societies and bar associations of the four participating jurisdictions whose support for this project has never waivered.

"An extensive amount of consultation and effort has gone into the reform process over a long period of time and now the host jurisdictions have been decided, the profession would like to see the new regulatory framework implemented as soon as practicable," Mr Ward said.

Now the project is in the implementation phase, the Law Council remains hopeful non-participating jurisdictions will see the benefits of a national profession and reconsider their position.

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