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OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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Mr Michael Preston
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By email: stakeholderrelations@fwc.gov.au

Dear Mr Preston,

Proposed changes to the Fair Work Commission Rules 2013 for declarations

I am writing on behalf of the Law Society of NSW regarding the provisions contained in the *Fair Work Commission Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Rules 2020* ("Amendment Rules"), which will amend the *Fair Work Commission Rules 2013* ("the Rules") to require lodgment of a signed declaration instead of a statutory declaration.

The Law Society supports the proposed changes to the Rules contained in the Amendment Rules. The Amendment Rules will assist parties' compliance with social distancing measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic by limiting circumstances where face-to-face contact is required.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Andrew Small, Policy Lawyer, on (02) 9926 0252.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Harvey
President