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Dear Mr. Varro:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Governance Task Force 2016 report.

I would like to commend the Law Society for considering options to enhance its governance structure. The stated goal of your review, which is “to ensure that the Law Society’s governance structure enables effective oversight for the Law Society as it fulfills its mandate and meets its accountabilities as a public interest regulator”, is a laudable one. All governing bodies should regularly review their operations to enhance transparency, effectiveness, efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

Our government believes that it is vital that governing bodies are streamlined and efficient. We fully support the Law Society’s goals of more streamlined, less complex governance structures, which could be adopted for the Law Society to achieve greater effectiveness and efficiency, in the public interest. Thus, we would fully endorse efforts to reduce the total number of benchers at Convocation to facilitate quicker and more effective decision-making and cost-effectiveness.

I look forward to hearing about the results of your consultation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Caroline Mulroney'.

Caroline Mulroney
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