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Intellectual Property Arrangements
Productivity Commission
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Intellectual Property Arrangements

I have pleasure in enclosing two submissions in response to the Productivity Commission's Issues Paper on "Intellectual Property Arrangements" which have been prepared by the Competition and Consumer Committee and the Intellectual Property Committee of the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia respectively. The Committees are two of the fifteen specialist committees and one working party established within the Business Law Section to offer technical advice on different areas of law affecting business. Each of these committees approaches issues of law reform and practice from a different perspective, which reflects the primary focus of their respective committees.

The submission prepared by the Competition and Consumer Committee is more general, providing high level commentary only, whilst the submission prepared by the Intellectual Property Committee is more detailed and addresses some of the issues more specifically.

The Business Law Section of the Law Council does not consider that the two approaches are inconsistent in the context of a response to the Productivity Commission's Issues Paper. The Business Law Section believes that the issues raised in the two submissions should be provided to the Productivity Commission to assist it in formulating its final report.

I confirm that representatives from the Competition and Consumer Committee and the Intellectual Property Committee would be pleased to meet with the Productivity Commission should that be considered appropriate. The Chair of the Competition and Consumer Committee, Caroline Coops, can be contacted

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The Chair of the Intellectual Property

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Yours faithfully,

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