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To: Mr Brook Hastie
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Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
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George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Sir,

Re: **Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013**

I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Moreton Bay Regional Community Legal Service Inc., previously the Peninsula Community Legal Service Inc.

I wish firstly to thank your office and yourself for the effort that you have gone to in looking at the problem that has arisen because of the schedule in the Personal Injuries Proceedings Regulations 2002 has failed to keep up to date with changes in the name and listing of Community Legal Services.

Our incorporated association is one such organisation. The listing that pertains to it is the Redcliffe Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated which is currently the embattled Regional Community Association Inc. Our Service began its life by being auspiced by that organisation. So technically, our incorporated association does not currently have the protection of section 62A of the Personal Injuries Proceedings Act 2002.

Some consideration may have to be given to retrospective provisions to cover our operations since our emergence from that organisation.

I welcome a more generic approach that is attempted in the Bill. It will not lead to the position that we find ourselves in at the moment.

I support the submission that has been put before you by Mr James Farrell of the Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services Inc. I would only add that the proposed definition may lead to some ambiguity when it comes to community legal services that are auspiced by say a Neighbourhood Centre or other organisation. The definition needs to specify that the protection only relates to that arm of the auspicing body that provides legal advice and assistance.

I apologise for the lateness of this submission and that I have had to send it from my home email, but time and work load have not allowed otherwise.

Yours faithfully,

Laurie McMahon
Chief Executive Officer
Moreton Bay Regional Community Legal Service.