



Australian Government



Tim Bugg, Chairman

Note from the Chairman

Dear all,

I am pleased to be able to enclose the first edition of the ILSAC newsletter. It is planned to publish a newsletter every two months, usually after the meeting of the "Informal Executive Committee" which I have established and which is mentioned in the newsletter.

The aim of the newsletter is to keep members of the Council and other stakeholders informed of our ongoing activities. Hopefully, it will also help to raise the profile of ILSAC, one of the priorities determined at our meeting on 18 August.

Over the last couple of months I have worked primarily on the issue of the admission of overseas qualified lawyers. That has meant considerable contact with a number of them, some of whom have now applied to the Legal Profession Admission Board of New South Wales (LPAB) for exemption from the requirements of the uniform admission principles introduced by LACC in April, 2008. The LPAB is likely to consider the applications at a meeting next week.

I am extremely grateful to the Law Society of New South Wales for financial support it has provided to engage Senior Counsel to advise applicants about their documentation.

The place and timing of the next meeting of the Council is being considered. The current thinking is that it will be in early February next year in Sydney, to coincide with the visit to Australia by a delegation from the International Section of the American Bar Association. The Secretariat will keep you posted about that.

Thank you for your support and encouragement during the first few months of my term as Chairman. I also thank Arjuna and the Secretariat staff for their continuing hard work and support.

Best wishes to you and your families for a happy Christmas and 2010.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tim Bugg'.

Tim Bugg
Chairman

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