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The ABA acknowledges the relationship between the land on which it and its members work and the First Nations' peoples of Australia.

Media release

ABA supports the establishment of a Federal Judicial Commission

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The Australian Bar Association joins the Law Council of Australia in supporting the establishment of a Federal Judicial Commission to promote confidence in the administration of justice.

The President of the ABA, Matthew Howard SC, said, "The establishment of a Federal Judicial Commission would be an important step to enhance the public's confidence in the administration of justice.

"The ABA welcomes reports that the Commonwealth Attorney-General is considering the establishment of a Commission. Such a Commission would reflect the community's expectations that there would be transparent accountability of judicial officers outside of, and additional to, the existing appeal processes.

"The ABA understands that the establishment of such a Commission requires careful consideration of the Constitutional provisions guaranteeing the independence of judges. Nevertheless, the ABA is confident that such a body may be established without infringing that. The ABA looks forward to working with the Government and other stakeholders to assist in bringing the Federal Judicial Commission into being", Matthew Howard SC added.

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About the ABA

The Australian Bar Association is the peak body representing nearly 6,000 barristers throughout Australia. Established in 1963, the ABA is committed to serving, promoting and representing its members, as well as advocating for fair and equal justice for all.

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