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**Dear Ministers** 

## STRATA REFORMS - RESOURCING THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

I refer to my predecessors Mr van Hattem's correspondence dated 27 March 2020 noting the significantly expanded jurisdiction of the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) for matters arising under the reformed Strata Titles Act 1985, and seeking assurances that the SAT will be appropriately resourced.

Now that the Strata reforms are fully operational, and the disruption occasioned by the COVID pandemic is (hopefully) receding, it is fitting to review the impact of the expanded jurisdiction on the SAT.

The Law Society's membership has anecdotally reported that the expanded jurisdiction of the SAT has led to a considerable increase in the workload of the Tribunal's members, and additional resources are urgently required.

I ask that you please assess the workload of SAT and appoint additional Tribunal members who are suitably knowledgeable and experienced in the law concerning Strata Titles.

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