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Dear Registrar

ELECTRONIC MORTGAGES

Thank you for your letter of 18 June 2021 inviting comment on the Issues Paper on Electronic Mortgages.

In principle the Law Society recognises and applauds the inevitable acceptance of electronic execution.

The proposals in the Issues Paper seem reasonable and practical in relation to mortgages.

The Law Society recommends however that the extension of electronic execution to other documents should be carefully considered on a case-by-case basis.

In particular, the Society has reservations about the extension of electronic execution to the following documents because of the reported possibility of the facilitation of "elder financial abuse":

- Wills and Codicils;
- Trust Deeds;
- Deeds of Family Arrangement;
- Powers of Attorney.

The Society will be happy to review and comment on further proposals as they are developed by Landgate.

Yours sincerely



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President