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Dear Dr Popple

**COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA LAW DEANS PROJECT - AUSTRALIAN LEGAL EDUCATION
2030 AND BEYOND**

I refer to your memorandum dated 19 January 2024 and on behalf of the Law Society of Western Australia (Law Society) I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the Council of Australian Law Deans (CALD) Project Australian Legal Education 2030 and Beyond.

The Law Society notes the Kift-Nakano report and tends to agree that it provides a useful resource but has a focus on academic matters and less in line with the concerns of practitioners, which relate to the job-readiness of entry level lawyers.

Although your memorandum does not refer explicitly to Practical Legal Training (PLT), concerns about job readiness are best addressed through changes to the way in which PLT is delivered. Therefore, the Law Society is of the view that the first priority should be a review of the PLT core competencies and associated requirements for PLT training providers, prior to considering broader issues about legal education and the structure of the undergraduate law degree.

If you have any queries please contact Susie Moir, General Manager Advocacy and Professional Development on smoir@lawsocietywa.asn.au or telephone (08) 9324 8646.

Yours sincerely



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