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Review of fees of NSW Trustee & Guardian
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Sir/Madam,

IPART Draft Report: Review of fees of the NSW Trustee & Guardian

I write to you on behalf of the Elder Law and Succession Committee of the Law Society of NSW ("Committee"). The Committee represents the Law Society in the areas of elder and succession law as they relate to the legal needs of people in NSW.

The Committee thanks you for the opportunity to consider the draft Report on the review of the fees of the NSW Trustee & Guardian and to provide comments.

The Committee writes to support recommendations 12 and 17 which are that NSW Trustee & Guardian charge fees for the preparation of wills and powers of attorney, with subsidised fees available to eligible clients.

The Committee supports also recommendations 13 and 18, which are that if an independent evaluation of the will and power of attorney subsidy pilot programs finds the programs to be effective, then the NSW Government should open up the program to other providers of will and power of attorney drafting services.

The Committee thanks you for your consideration. Questions may be directed to Vicky Kuek, policy lawyer for the Committee, available on (02) 9926 0354 or victoria.kuek@lawsociety.com.au.

Yours sincerely,


Michael Tidball
Chief Executive Officer