



The Honourable Rod Welford MP



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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2004 forwarding a copy of a petition received by the House on 25 November 2004 concerning the rules pertaining to the admission as barristers at law.

The *Supreme Court (Legal Practitioner Admission) Rules 2004* currently provides that a person may qualify for admission as a legal practitioner through the completion of the Board examinations under the *Barristers' Admission Rules 1975*. The academic examinations are in five stages. Stage 6 comprises practical legal training through the completion of the Bar Practice Course and court reports.

As part of the implementation of new national standards for admission, the Board examinations are to be abolished and completion of the Bar Practice Course will not be practical legal training qualifying an applicant for admission. Instead, the satisfactory completion of a practical legal training course or supervised practical legal training meeting nationally agreed standards will be required.

The Legal Practitioners Admissions Board has released a document outlining the Rules Committee's proposals relating to the transitional issues under these changed arrangements. It is published at http://www.qls.com.au/document_get.aspx?id=2263.

I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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