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Dear Ms Barry

Further to my previous correspondence to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (Legislative Scrutiny Role) (the Committee) regarding its comments on subordinate law SL2026, *the Legal Profession (Barristers) Rules 2026* in *Scrutiny Report 16*, I write to share the revised explanatory statement prepared by the ACT Bar Association.

The revised explanatory statement includes an assessment of human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2004* and engaged by the Barristers Rules.

I trust that the revised statement addresses the Committee's comments.

Due to the operation of section 142 of the *Legislation Act 2001* and time that has passed since notification of the Barristers Rules, the revised explanatory statement cannot be published on the ACT Legislation Register. I request that the Committee consider publishing the revised explanatory statement on its website to support transparency and public accessibility. Subject to your agreement, the Justice and Community Safety Directorate will arrange for the Parliamentary Counsel's Office to make a link to the relevant Assembly website page available from the Register.

I thank the Committee for its scrutiny of the instrument and its ongoing work in supporting legislative standards in the ACT.

Sincerely

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