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Dear Ms Wynn,

Review of the Family Law System Discussion Paper

The Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited ("ALS") is thankful to the Australian Law Reform Commission for the opportunity to respond to the review of the family law system discussion paper. Unfortunately, the ALS is unable to provide a comprehensive response to the proposals and questions detailed within the discussion paper at this time. Nevertheless, the ALS continues to provide in principle support of the review of the family law system, especially as it impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and children.

The ALS may submit a more detailed response at a later date, subsequent to a more in depth examination of the precise issues outlined in the discussion paper. Additionally, the ALS reinforces the principles and recommendations that have been submitted to the Australian Law Reform Commission in previous submissions regarding a review of the family law system.¹ The ALS continues to support, and has an ongoing commitment to, improving the family law system and related practices.

Yours Sincerely,

Janelle Clarke
Acting Chief Executive Officer