



NOTIFICATION OF SCHEME

Professional Standards Act 1994 (NSW)

Notification is hereby given pursuant to section 8 of the *Professional Standards Act 1994 (NSW)* (the Act) of a scheme prepared by the NSW Bar Association (the Bar).

The scheme operates for the purpose of improving the occupational standards of barristers and to protect the consumers of their services. It is intended to operate in New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, the Northern Territory, and Queensland.

The scheme limits the civil liability of barristers to whom it applies. The Scheme does not affect damages which are below \$1.5 million. The scheme limits liability for damages to \$1.5 million, provided that the person to whom it applies has insurance which is not less than \$1.5 million.

The liability limited by the scheme includes, to the extent permitted by the Act, all civil liability arising (in tort, contract or otherwise) directly or vicariously from anything done or omitted by a member of the Bar, or to any person to whom the scheme applies in acting in the performance of his or her occupation. The scheme does not apply to liability for damages arising from any matter to which the Act does not apply including, but not limited to, liability for damages arising from death or personal injury to a person, a breach of trust, fraud or dishonesty.

The scheme is intended to commence on 1 July 2015 and to remain in force until 30 June 2020.

A copy of the scheme may be obtained from, or inspected at, the office or website of the Professional Standards Council.

Before approving the scheme, the Council hereby invites comments and submissions to be made in writing to be received by the Executive Officer, Office of the Professional Standards Councils within 28 days after the publication of this notice.

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Comments and submissions received will be public unless confidentiality is specifically requested, and will be subject to the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW)*.