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Mr Alan Cameron AO  
Chairperson  
NSW Law Reform Commission  
GPO Box 31  
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Dear Mr Cameron

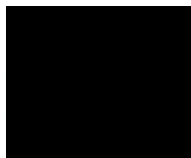
**Re: Review of the Guardianship Act 1987**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the NSW Law Reform Commission's Review of the Guardianship Act 1987. CPSA is pleased that our recommendations have been considered in this Review.

CPSA strongly supports the proposed refocusing towards supported decision-making, with substitute decision-making as a last resort. In addition, CPSA welcomes the adoption of the Australian Law Reform Commission's definition of capacity. CPSA supports the proposed uncoupling of capacity and disability by removing the term "disability" from the legislation and the adoption of a framework for assisted decision-making laws in NSW that reflect the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The draft proposals represent a significant and positive departure from the current guardianship framework to better align with contemporary understandings of decision-making. CPSA is very supportive of the NSW Law Reform Commission's recently released draft proposals for the Review of the Guardianship Act 1987.

Yours sincerely



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