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Mr Allan Shearan MP Chairman, Legislation Review Committee Parliament of New South Wales Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Shearan

Thank you for your recent letter and the enclosed Discussion Paper, Strict and Absolute Liability Offences, upon which you are inviting comment.

The matters of liability and defences raised in the Discussion Paper are important in considering the drafting of legislation which creates protections for the community, while preserving appropriate liberties and rights. These are significant considerations in an overall balanced environment which protects people and also encourages economic activity that creates wealth and opportunity.

The Discussion Paper is an important contribution to the debate on where the appropriate balance should lie and I thank you for forwarding it to me.

If you have require further information in relation to this issue please contact Mr Ryan Park, Deputy Chief of Staff in my Office on (02) 9228 3777.

Yours sincerely

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