

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO THE ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS OF
PARLIAMENT TO SERVE ON JURIES**

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The Director
Standing Committee on Law and Justice
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Re: Inquiry into the eligibility of Members of Parliament to serve on juries

Dear Director

A submission was made some time ago by the Jury Task Force to the New South Wales Law Reform Commission in respect of its reference concerning Jury Selection. It was to be the effect that the ineligibility of Members of Parliament to serve on juries could no longer be justified. That was part of a broader submission that the existing categories of ineligibility and/or exemption should be significantly reduced in order to ensure that juries were more representative of the general community.

Although its composition has changed in the interim, the Task Force remains of that view for the reasons that were then advanced. That said, it is accepted that there will be circumstances in which an application by a Member of Parliament to be excused from serving on a particular jury is warranted.

Yours faithfully

Justice T Buddin
Chairperson, Jury Task Force