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The Hon. Don Harwin, MLC  
Chair  
New South Wales Legislative Council Procedure Committee  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Chair

**Inquiry into young children accompanying Members into the House**

Further to your letter to me 22 March 2016, encouraging me to make a submission to your committee, I am happy to provide the following.

Legislative Council Standing Order 22.03 states that *"the President only will have the privilege of admitting strangers to the body of the Council Chamber, but every Member will have the privilege of admitting strangers to the gallery of the Council Chamber."*

However, the Legislative Council of Victoria has not dealt with an issue of a Member wishing to be on the floor of the chamber with a young child, nor has the more general matter of accompanying persons come before our Procedure Committee.

I wish you well with your inquiry and report.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bruce Atkinson".

Hon. Bruce Atkinson MLC  
**President of the Legislative Council**