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Ms Sandra Lambert AM

Chair

ACT Remuneration Tribunal

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Dear Ms  Lambert

Pursuant to section 10(1) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995* I have signed the **enclosed** instrument in relation to the Chair and members of the Law Reform and Sentencing Advisory Council (the Council). I would appreciate it if the Tribunal would inquire into and determine the remuneration and allowances to be paid and other entitlements to be granted to these public officers.

By way of background, on 7 October 2022, the Attorney-General announced the ACT Government's intention to establish the Council. The new body will advise the Government on areas of potential law reform, as well as provide expert advice on sentencing matters. The establishment of this Council is a Government priority. It is imperative that the Council be established and commence its important work to start to address ongoing community concerns regarding sentencing and bail issues within our community. This has been particularly prevalent during the Inquiry into Dangerous Driving and since the release of the Inquiry's report. In light of these circumstances, I ask the Remuneration Tribunal to hold an ad hoc review in respect of this matter.

The Council is proposed to be comprised of 13 members including a Chair. It is proposed that membership of the Council comprise of key justice stakeholders as well as representatives from the community and specific issue areas. A recruitment process will be undertaken to fill some of these positions.

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The Tribunal is asked to determine the remuneration, allowances and other entitlements to be granted to the Chair and eligible members of the Council. Remunerating the publicly advertised positions, as well as the ex officio positions associated with non-ACT Government organisations, will help attract the widest range of applicants, encourage diversity, facilitate meaningful engagement from members, and recognise their contributions of lived experience and expertise to the Council.

I **enclose** a completed Public Office Holder Questionnaire to assist the Remuneration Tribunal in making a determination. Should further information be required, please contact Robyn Hakelis, Executive Branch Manager, Legislation, Policy and Programs with the Justice and Community Safety Directorate by email Robyn.hakelis@act.gov.au or by phone on 02 6205 1192.

I would like to thank the Remuneration Tribunal for assisting with this determination.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Barr'.

Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister

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