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## ACT Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

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Sandra Lambert AM  
Chair, ACT Remuneration Tribunal

Via email: [remtrib@act.gov.au](mailto:remtrib@act.gov.au)

Dear Ms Lambert, *Sandra*

### **ACT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL – FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THE REMUNERATION, ALLOWANCES AND OTHER ENTITLEMENTS FOR JUDICIAL RELATED OFFICES**

Thank you for your letter dated 20 July 2021, and the corresponding document outlining the previous key themes.

I agree the key themes remain valid and relevant and the remuneration for a Director of Public Prosecutions should be commensurate with that of a Supreme Court Judge. I ask that the tribunal also note that the DPP position has a structurally reduced take home salary, because the occupant partially self-funds their own superannuation benefit rather than receiving a judicial pension.

Another relevant consideration that may impact the selection pool for both Supreme Court Judges and Director of Public Prosecutions, will be any movements in the briefing fees for Senior Counsel or Queens Counsel generally. If it is accepted that the desired pool from which to draw both Supreme Court Judges and Directors of Public Prosecutions will be a

successful and experienced Senior Counsel with a healthy practice, the proposed remuneration for both Supreme Court Judges and the Director of Public Prosecutions will be impacted by its competitiveness in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Drumgold', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Shane Drumgold SC

**Director - ACT Director of Public Prosecutions**