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Dear Dr Adrian

### **Remuneration Tribunal Out of Session Determination – Principal Registrar, ACT Courts and Tribunal - Public Submission**

Thank you for inviting me to make a submission to the Remuneration Tribunal as it considers the remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Registrar (Principal Registrar) of the ACT Courts and Tribunal (ACTCT). I appreciate the Tribunal accommodating the recent referral of this statutory position and facilitating an out of session hearing to make a determination outside the usual schedule for full time statutory office holders.

The Principal Registrar position performs critical leadership and management functions at the interface of the Supreme Court, Magistrate's Court, ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal and the Executive.

The position, created in 2015, was intended to provide a clearer set of responsibilities and reporting lines for the management of the administrative supports provided by the ACT public service to the independent judiciary. The position is accountable to the Chief Justice and Chief Magistrate, the ACAT President as well as the office of the Director- General of the Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS) and ultimately the Attorney-General.

Mr Kellow was appointed on 22 February 2016 as the Principal Registrar under s 11A of the *Court Procedures Act 2004* until 21 January 2020.

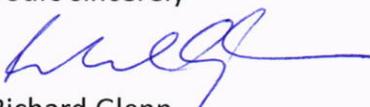
The Government considers that although the Principal Registrar exercises administrative statutory functions, rather than judicial functions, the nature of the office and the interest in the independence of the courts means that the remuneration of the office should be independently set.

If the Tribunal considers that the remuneration of the Principal Registrar should change, JACS submits that the remuneration should be consistent with the expectations of the Canberra community and should not increase at a greater rate

than general increases applying under enterprise agreements to public servants and other full-time statutory office holders.

Thank you again for the opportunity to make a written submission. I understand that this submission will be made publicly available on the Tribunal's website.

Yours sincerely



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