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The Hon. Robert McClelland MP

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Dear Mr. Attorney 

I would like to congratulate both yourself and the Government in relation to suggested proposals as contained in the Semple Report relating to the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court.

As I recall I was President of the Law Council of Australia and had many arguments and debated with the then Attorney -General the Hon. D. Williams QC. over the issue. The Council was very much opposed to the setting up of a completely separate ,new and differently managed Court .

All of the matters which we indicated would lead to a waste of resources eventually happened and that is why ,particularly in relation to family law matters the proposals are welcomed and will be of benefit to the general public.

If I recall you were the Shadow Attorney at the time.

I personally look forward to the suggested changes and have no doubt that the stature and efficiency of both Courts , but particularly the Federal Magistrates Court will continue to grow

Yours Sincerely ~~FB~~

Fabian B. Dixon SC.