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Dear Mr Clayton

### **ADVICE ON THE ADEQUACY OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Thank you for seeking advice on the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the proposed Supreme Court (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2014.

The Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (VCEC) advises on the adequacy of RISs as required under section 10(3) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* (the Act). I advise the final version of the RIS received by the VCEC on 3 June 2014 meets the requirements of section 10 of the Act.

The VCEC's advice is based on the adequacy of the evidence presented in the RIS and is focused on the quality of the analysis rather than the merits of the proposal itself. **Therefore, the VCEC's advice the RIS is adequate does not represent an endorsement of the proposal.**

In making its assessment, the VCEC acknowledges the Courts and Tribunals Service has undertaken substantial work to address the data gaps that hindered the analysis of fees in the RIS assessed by the VCEC in 2012. The improved understanding of the costs of the Supreme Court, coupled with the application of a clear set of policy principles for fee setting, will provide a strong foundation for the broader review of fees that is planned to take place in 2014-15.

In the interests of transparency, it is government policy that VCEC's advice be published with the RIS when it is released for consultation.

If you have any questions, please contact [RegulationReview@vcec.vic.gov.au](mailto:RegulationReview@vcec.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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