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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

**Trans-Tasman Proceedings Legislation Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 2) [F2012L02412]
—Tabling revised Explanatory Statement**

On 25 October 2013, the Secretary of the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances wrote to the office of the Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, requesting a response to issues in the *Delegated Legislation Monitor* No. 5 of 2013 (16 May 2013) about the basis on which the fees introduced by the Trans-Tasman Proceedings Legislation Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 2) have been set or calculated.

The revised Explanatory Statement clarifies that the Regulation does not make any changes to the fee for the registration of a New Zealand judgment in the Family Court of Australia, the Federal Court of Australia or the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, but rather that it clarifies the quantum of fees that apply to Trans-Tasman proceedings commenced in Australia.

The revised Explanatory Statement was approved by the Attorney-General and forwarded to the Committee Chair on 10 December 2013. Two copies of the revised Explanatory Statement are attached to this letter.

I kindly request that you please make arrangements to table the revised Explanatory Statement in the Senate on the next available sitting day (which I understand will be 11 December 2013).

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require further information. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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