



Nomination for Position on National Committee

(Nominations from new members and from all states and territories are encouraged)

I, Kerry Weste

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(contact details)

nominate for the position of: Vice President

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(President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Ordinary Member)

If Ordinary Member, which subcommittee:

of the National Committee of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights Incorporated.

Signed by nominator (may be nominee)

Date:

Please set out below a (very short) bio, a brief summary of your reasons for wishing to be elected to the National Committee and describe what you believe you are able to contribute.

If you are nominating for an ordinary member position please outline your experience or expertise in the subcommittee area chosen. Please also outline briefly your plans for the year ahead as chair of the subcommittee:

Bio:

I was admitted to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of South Australia in 1998. I have worked for Legal Aid as a Duty Solicitor in the Children's Court, in private practice for top tier firms in Adelaide and London, in house for the NHS London and as a senior lawyer for the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. I am an experienced advocate in court and accustomed to managing complex briefs of evidence and preparing high level reports and minutes on issues of law, policy and procedure. I have a long held interest in human rights law and am currently completing a Masters in Human Rights Law and Social Justice at UNSW.

Reasons for nominating:

I have been an Ordinary Member and NSW Co-Convenor on the National Committee of ALHR for over three years. Since May 2014 I have been chair of the Fundraising Subcommittee. During this time I have contributed to ALHR policies and procedures that have advanced the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of ALHR as one of Australia's leading human rights organisations. Whilst doing so, I have successfully managed significant organisational change on behalf of ALHR via the introduction of paid membership and delivered ALHR an ongoing revenue stream for the first time in its history. I am accustomed to these responsibilities whilst also continuing to make significant contributions to ALHR's day to day human rights advocacy such as drafting or editing submissions and press releases

I believe my in depth knowledge of international human rights law, ALHR's strategic goals moving forward and my skills and acumen as an experienced legal practitioner stand me in very good stead to perform the role of vice president and assist the president in the carrying out of his or her duties. My experience managing complex litigation and supervising junior solicitors means that I can confidently co-ordinate the work of active ALHR members on behalf of the National Committee.

If elected to the position of vice president I will remain dedicated to advancing and implementing initiatives which deliver:

- the resources needed to become the leading legal voice in human rights discourse in Australia;
- progression of the beneficial relationship offered via the creation of our secretariat and Human Rights Advocacy subject at La Trobe University Law School
- timely reactions to human rights issues as they arise;
- growth in ALHR's membership numbers;
- Value-added professional development for our membership;
- progress toward ALHR's medium and long term strategic goals, such as a greater focus on more consistent communication with members of parliament and a greater media presence, greater involvement in United Nations complaints mechanisms and an increased presence at international human rights forums.

If you have any queries about the roles and responsibilities of office bearers and committee members, contact the current ALHR executive on

secretary@alhr.org.au

Completed Nominations must be delivered to:

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