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Dear Professor Croucher

Congratulations on your appointment

Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (**ALHR**) warmly congratulates you on your appointment as President of the Australian Human Rights Commission.

ALHR was established in 1993 and is a national association of more than 800 Australian solicitors, barristers, academics, judicial officers and law students who practise and promote international human rights law in Australia. ALHR has active and engaged National, State and Territory committees and Specialist National Thematic committees. Through advocacy, media engagement, education, networking, research and training, ALHR promotes, practices and protects universally accepted standards of human rights throughout Australia and overseas.

Over the past few years, ALHR has enjoyed an excellent working relationship with the Commission and various Commissioners on important human rights issues including racism, women's rights, the rights of indigenous peoples, the rights of people with disability and business and human rights. ALHR also made a substantive submission to the ALRC Freedoms Inquiry which was a laudable initiative overseen by you during your tenure as President of the ALRC.

ALHR has eight Specialist National Thematic Subcommittees which are listed below and we are at the Commission's disposal to assist in advocating on human rights issues of concern:

- Refugee Rights Subcommittee
- Disability Rights Subcommittee
- Freedoms Subcommittee
- Human Rights Act(s) Subcommittee
- Indigenous Rights Subcommittee
- Business and Human Rights Subcommittee
- LGBTI Rights Subcommittee
- Women and Girls' Rights Subcommittee.

The Attorney-General Senator the Hon. George Brandis QC has made an excellent choice in your appointment given your distinguished career in legal education and your strong dedication and service to law reform in Australia, to promoting pro-bono legal work and for your role in supporting and advancing the position of women in the legal profession.

Whilst it is a trying time for human rights in Australia and the world, we have no doubt that you will exercise strong leadership on issues within the scope of your statutory mandate and we very much look forward to working with you in doing so.

Wishing you the very best for your success in this new role.

Yours faithfully

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