**Nomination for Position on the Australian Lawyers for Human Rights National Committee 2024**

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| *(Nominations from new members and from all states and territories are encouraged)* |
| I,  | Dr. Natalia Szablewska |
|  | (full name) |
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|  | (address) |
| Phone/e-mail redacted |  |
|  | (contact details) |
| nominate for the position of: | Ordinary Member |
|  Ordinary Member for Governance | (President, Treasurer, Secretary, Ordinary Member) |
| of the National Committee of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights Incorporated. |
| Signed by nominator (may be nominee)  Date: 19/08/2024 |
| Please set out below a 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 by reference to the relevant position description: |
| I have been involved with ALHR as a member since 2014, as a Co-/Chair of the Business and Human Rights (BHR) Subcommittee since 2019, and as a Member of ALHR Executive Management Committee since 2022. In that capacity, I have been involved in ALHR’s high-level advocacy in the area of business and human rights, in particular in relation to modern slavery and AusNCP, including through making submissions to the Australian government (at the Cth and state levels), the UN organs, OECD and other inter-governmental organisations. I have acted on behalf of ALHR as an expert witness at, *inter alia*, Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues of the NSW Parliament in 2019, as a Panel Member of the OECD Peer-Review of AusNCP in 2021, and as an Observer at the UNGA High-level Meeting on the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons in 2017.I have over 20 years of professional experience in the area of human rights in the academic context and in practice at the international level, including over 100 publications for various audiences and some 70 presentations/masterclasses/keynotes at conferences and events worldwide. I have taught or given guest lectures on human rights at higher education institutions in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Cambodia, Canada, Germany, Slovenia and Indonesia. I’m currently a full Professor in Law and Society at The Open University (UK), and I have further academic affiliate positions at universities in Australia, New Zealand and Cambodia in relevant research centers. I am also a Business and Human Rights Committee Member of the International Law Association (ILA) (British Branch nominee). I served on the Modern Slavery Leaderships Advisory Group to the New Zealand Government (2021-2024), in which capacity I provided expertise and strategic advice on the development of modern slavery legislation in New Zealand, including on lessons learned in Australia. I would like to be considered for the position of an ‘Ordinary Members’ as I believe that, based on my past and current experience and expertise, I can support the work of ALHR’s National Committee by providing strategic and operational leadership to ensure that the organisation’s values and mission are maintained and further enhanced. |
| If you have any queries about the roles and responsibilities of office bearers and committee members, contact the current ALHR executive at secretary@alhr.org.au.  |
| **Nominations must be delivered by email to:** president@alhr.org.a**Please note: only current members of ALHR may nominate for a position** |

***NB: If you wish to become more involved in ALHR, but do not wish to nominate for the National Committee, please consider joining one of our thematic subcommittees or becoming involved in your State Committee. Visit*** [***www.alhr.org.au***](http://www.alhr.org.au) ***to find out more.***