

The Voice of CLCs in Law Reform

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Key Things to Remember

- **Ensure your contribution adds value to the process/review/inquiry**
- **Highlighting problems and issues is important in demonstrating the need for reform and the experiences of your clients, but make sure you also identify a possible solution to the problem or issue**
- **Modify your engagement according to factors such as: the purpose of the process/review/Inquiry; the broader context; the particular body/institution; and the stage of the process/review/inquiry**
- **Work within the constraints imposed on the body/institution. For example, the Terms of Reference**
- **Consider working collaboratively with other CLCs or organisations**
- **When writing a submission, mirror the structure of the relevant Issues Paper/Discussion Paper/Report, including referring to question/proposal/draft recommendation numbers**
- **Background information about your CLC and the work you do is important, but limit it as far as possible or consider adding it as an annexure to your submission**
- **Include a mix of evidence-based research and information, data, and case studies. Don't underestimate the power of a case study**
- **Remember that the end of a specific review/inquiry can be the beginning of a new phase of advocacy around the particular issues(s)**

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