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Mr Rod Hooper
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Dear Mr Hooper,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to outline the views of the Coalition on the important issues facing your members. On behalf of the Coalition Members of Parliament and candidates I am pleased to respond to your survey in the following attachment.

The Coalition believes Labor has made the future of all Australians more uncertain.

On top of their billion-dollar waste on school buildings, their mismanaged home insulation fiasco and their soft border protection policies, Labor is growing Australia's debt by \$100 million per day.

They even removed an elected Prime Minister to suit their own political interest.

The Coalition is taking a stand in the best interest of Australia's future.

We will end the waste, repay the debt, stop the taxes, stop the boats and ease the pressure on Australian families.

Throughout the election campaign we will be progressively announcing policies outlining our commitments for Australia's future. These policies will cover a number of issues canvassed in your survey.

Once announced, our policies will be available at www.liberal.org.au and www.nationals.org.au.

Thank you for helping us to communicate the Coalition's commitments to your members.

Yours sincerely


Brian Loughnane
Federal Campaign Director

The Coalition's response to The Family Law Practitioners Association of WA (Inc).

1. The Family Law Act and related family law legislation, including child support legislation and whether any, and if so what, type of amendments may be proposed.

The Coalition does not propose any major amendments to existing family law legislation.

A Coalition government would strongly support the shared parent regime, which seeks to ensure that children affected by family breakdown are able to maintain a strong relationship with both of their parents.

2. Funding of the family law judicial system and in particular, the Family Court of Australia, the Family Court of Western Australia and the Federal Magistrates Courts in relation to family law matters, and the Counselling Service of the Family Court of Australia and the Family Court of Western Australia.

A Coalition Government would monitor our justice system to ensure it operates efficiently and effectively. The Coalition expects that the courts administering justice through that system are efficient, prompt, responsive and pragmatic.

The Coalition recognises the important role performed by the family law courts, as they are the point at which many Australians have their only exposure to the Australian legal system.

A Coalition Government would respect the unique system in Western Australia and would ensure that the Commonwealth component of its funding is properly maintained.

3. The provision of legal aid in respect of family law, child welfare, property and maintenance disputes.

The Coalition is a strong supporter of legal aid services. Australia has an excellent legal system and we want as many Australians as possible to have fair access to it when they need it.

The previous Coalition Government continuously ensured that funding for our justice system was adequate and kept pace with community expectations.

A new Coalition Government will work with the states and territories to ensure access to justice programs are effective and adequately funded. A Coalition Government would want the division of responsibilities between the states and territories and the Commonwealth to be clear.