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Dear State Chairmen

On 13 December 2018, the Commonwealth Government released the *Report of the Religious Freedom Review*. The review made recommendations and concluded that more can be done to further protect and better promote freedom of religion under Australian law and in the community. In its response, the Commonwealth Government committed to a range of measures to implement the review's recommendations.

This response forms the basis of the legislative package on freedom of religion, which includes the:

- Religious Discrimination Bill
- Religious Discrimination (Consequential Amendments) Bill, and
- Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Freedom of Religion) Bill.

The Commonwealth Government invited submissions on the second exposure drafts of the above package of legislation on religious freedom between 10 December 2019 and 31 January 2020.

The Order has prepared a submission on the second exposure drafts, representing the organisation at a national level, that was emailed to the Attorney General's Department on 30 January 2020.

Please find attached a copy of this submission for your reference. The document can be used as a point of discussion at your State Council meetings.

I would like to acknowledge the support and work provided by David Jefferies, State Executive Officer – Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross Queensland, and his Team in facilitating this submission.

Yours sincerely

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