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Dear Julie

**Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010 – Draft Regulations and Rules**

Thank you for your letter of 27.6.11 seeking the Family Law Section's comment on the draft instruments to implement the Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010.

The Family Law Section, on behalf of the New Zealand Law Society, has considered the following draft rules:

- Trans-Tasman Proceedings Regulations and Rules 2011; and
- Family Courts (Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010) Amendment Rules 2011.

The draft rules appear to meet the procedural steps required by the relevant legislation.

The Family Court (Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010) Amendment Rules, as currently drafted, will be consistent with the High Court and District Court Rules. The references to the relevant High Court Rules in the draft are particularly useful.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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**Chair**