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President's Message

Dear Michael,

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COVID-19 Remote Online Notarisation (RON) UPDATE

The *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020 (Vic)* (“the Act”) was enacted at a special sitting of the Victorian Parliament on 24 April 2020.

Among other things, the Act provides that, solely for the purpose of reasonably responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Attorney-General may make temporary regulations modifying Victorian law in relation to:

the witnessing, execution or signing of legal documents such as affidavits, statutory declarations, deeds, powers of attorney, contracts or agreements, undertakings and wills

(“Regulations”).

At present it is not known if or when any Regulations will be made.

It is expected that any Regulations that are made will allow notaries [and others] to witness documents on-line by appropriate audio-visual means.

The Council will keep members updated.

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Regards



Michael Bula
President SNV



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