

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Model Dispute Management Plan for Government Agencies**

As recommended by the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council (NADRAC) in its Report *The Resolve to Resolve - Embracing ADR to Improve Access to Justice in the Federal Jurisdiction*, I propose to amend the Legal Services Directions to require agencies, unless an exemption is obtained, to develop and regularly review dispute management plans requiring appropriate use of ADR.

To assist agencies to comply with their new obligations under the Directions NADRAC is requested, in consultation with the Office of Legal Services Coordination, to prepare a model dispute management plan.

In undertaking this reference NADRAC should consult as appropriate including with federal government agencies, government legal service providers and significant external stakeholders.

*Timeframe:* NADRAC is to report by 30 September 2010.

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