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Memorandum to: Managing Partners - North-West Firms
From: Matthew Verney – President
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Subject: Devonport Living City Plan

You will no doubt be aware of the Devonport Living City Plan. The plan has been under development for some time and recently received an allocation in the Federal Budget. Stage one of the plan includes demolition of the Devonport Court House. There is no clear indication as to where any new court facility will be located.

North-West practitioners will be well aware that the Burnie Court is not fit for purpose.

The Living City Plan affords the opportunity for interested parties to improve access to justice on the North-West Coast.

The Society is asking for feedback from North-West practitioners and firms on the future of the courts on the North-West Coast. Preferred options may include:

- One centralised court facility.
- If there is to be one court facility where should it be located?
- If there is to be one court facility what services would need to be improved, such as public transport to enable parties to appear.
- Retain facilities in Devonport and Burnie but build new facilities.
- If there are to be new facilities to be built in Burnie and Devonport, where should they be located?

The above list is not meant to be exhaustive.

The Society would value your input. Any thoughts or submissions you have are asked to be submitted by 4 September 2015.



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President**