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Dear Justice France

**Criminal Rules Sub-Committee proposal to change Rule 5.5(1)**

Thank you for your letter of 13 November 2014 regarding the Criminal Rules Sub-Committee's proposal to change r 5.5(1). The New Zealand Law Society appreciates being consulted on the proposal.

The Law Society's national Criminal Law Committee considers that the proposal to require the prosecutor to file formal statements 15 days before the trial callover date is a sensible change, and one that should assist in proper management of files where formal statements must be filed.

We hope these brief comments are helpful to the Criminal Rules Sub-Committee. If you wish to discuss the submission please contact the Criminal Law Committee convenor, Jonathan Krebs, through the Committee secretary, Rhyn Visser (phone (04) 463 2962 or email [rhyn.visser@lawsociety.org.nz](mailto:rhyn.visser@lawsociety.org.nz)).

Yours sincerely



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