

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### **SELECT LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENT No.246 of 2008**

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Justices of the High Court of Australia

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE HIGH COURT RULES 2004**

Schedule 2 of the High Court Rules 2004 specifies the amount which solicitors, who are entitled to practise in the High Court, may charge and be allowed on taxation of costs by the Taxing Officer of the Court in respect of proceedings in the Court.

The amounts in the Schedule were last varied by Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 13 made on 1 February 2005 and which came into operation on 1 March 2005.

The Joint Costs Advisory Committee, in its report dated 8 October 2008, recommended an increase of 17.3% to the solicitors' costs as set out in Schedule 2.

The Court has agreed to the recommendation of the Committee and the increase, which is to come into operation on Thursday, 1 January 2009, will apply in respect of all work done and services performed by solicitors after Wednesday, 31 December 2008.