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Public Consultation: Expanded use of automated processes by IP Australia

IPTA refers to the IP Australia Paper entitled "Public Consultation: Expanded use of automated processes by IP Australia" (Public Consultation paper) of June 2015 and thanks IP Australia for providing IPTA with the opportunity to make submissions.

About IPTA

The Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys of Australia (IPTA) is a voluntary organisation representing registered patent attorneys, registered trade mark attorneys and student members in the process of qualifying for registration as a patent or trade mark attorney in Australia. The membership of IPTA includes over 87% of registered patent attorneys located in Australia and it is believed that its members make up more than 90% of registered patent attorneys in active practice in Australia. The membership of IPTA includes registered patent attorneys in private practice as well as patent attorneys working in industry and others that practice as barristers. IPTA members represent large local and foreign corporations, SME's, Universities, Research Institutes and individual inventors.

IPTA's position

IPTA is in broad agreement with the proposed changes. IPTA notes that not all of the decisions which may become automated have been listed and therefore the agreement comes with the proviso that it would be useful to review the exhaustive list of changes before they are implemented.

Assistance from IPTA with legislative changes

IPTA will be pleased to assist with and suggest possible changes to the wording of the relevant legislation and the associated regulations to implement the proposals and would be pleased to assist in the review of any legislative changes proposed by the parliamentary draftsman.

Yours faithfully

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