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on behalf of the **Legal Services Commissioner**
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Dear Ms Peterson

Thank you for your email of 8 July 2015, received in response to my previous correspondence regarding your application for legal aid. You have asked about the qualifications of the specialist adviser who recommended we refuse your application for aid and the documents that support the reasons aid was refused.

Your request is being managed under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

As I have advised previously, specialist advisers are senior litigation lawyers who hold current practising certificates. Tim Vogel holds a Bachelor of Laws from Victoria University and has been practising law for over 22 years. The minimum practising experience required for the specialist adviser role is 7 years.

The reasons your application was refused, as well as the documents and laws that support the reasons, are set out and explained in our letter of 7 October 2014. This letter was sent to you and your lawyer and I attached a copy to my last response. The reasons are also explained in the specialist adviser's recommendation which we sent to you on 13 January 2015.

I trust that this was the information you were seeking.

Yours sincerely

Michele McCreadie
General Manager, Legal Aid Services