

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 274**

**High Court Amendment Rules 2010 (No. 2)**

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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 2009 No. 315 made on 4 November 2009 and which came into operation on 1 January 2010.

The Joint Costs Advisory Committee, in its report dated September 2010, recommended an increase of 3.1% 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 Friday, 1 January 2011, will apply in respect of all work done and services performed by solicitors after Thursday, 31 December 2010.