Dear Consultator,

I welcome the various proposals, particularly No. 6 as below.

Some of the proposals that particularly relate to PBR are:

- 1. Renewals - provide PBR owners with a 6 month ‘grace’ period in which to pay renewal fees and no longer allow renewals to be paid more than 12 months before they are due

- 3. Extensions of time – expand the number of periods that can be extended under the PBR Act, using the same types of extensions available for the other IP rights

- 6. Official Journals – no longer issue the PBR Journal and improve the searching functions and timeliness of the PBR online database

  I particularly approve of this proposed refinement, a definite improvement on the current 4 times per year and not knowing when each Number is being published. A continuous flow will be more in line with business processes.

- 17. Unjustified threats of infringement – enable businesses to sue another party for making unjustified threats of infringement of PBR, in line with the other IP rights

- 18. Ownership of PBR – clarify the legislation around multiple joint breeders and correcting errors in the name of PBR applicants.

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