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Dear Ms Phelan,

**Draft Oaths and Affirmations (Affidavits, Statutory Declarations and Certifications) Regulations 2018**

Thank you for providing the opportunity for the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) to comment on the above.

We note that:

- The *Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018* (the Act) will commence on 1 March 2019
- The Act will be accompanied by new regulations and will replace the current Evidence (Affidavits and Statutory Declarations) Regulations 2008
- The aim of these proposed regulations is to make it easier and more accessible for community members who are making affidavits, statutory declarations and certified copies of original documents

We acknowledge that the list of people currently authorised to witness statutory declarations will be expanded and that veterinary practitioners will remain authorised.

The AVA has no objections to the draft regulations and no suggestions for modifications to these.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Susan Chandler', is written over a light grey, semi-transparent rectangular background.

**Susan Chandler**  
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