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Dear Mr. McMahon,

## **Criminal Procedure (Reform of Verdicts) (Scotland) Bill**

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of the consultation paper on the proposed Criminal Procedure (Reform of Verdicts) (Scotland) Bill.

I am grateful for the opportunity to reply on behalf of the Equality Network, which as you know is a national network of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people and groups working for LGBT equality in Scotland.

We are very pleased to see that the consultation paper includes a question on the equal opportunities issues arising from the proposal to move to a two verdict system.

However, having considered the paper, we think that in this case there are no LGBT equality issues arising from the proposal, which we think would be 'LGBT equality neutral'.

With best wishes,

Tim Hopkins  
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