**Stage 2 Legal Studies**

**Focus Area 1: Sources of Law**

**Folio Task 1: Essay or Oral Presentation**

Task Description

Within the context of *Sources of Law,* respond to **one** of the big questions. You may present your argument as an essay (1,000 words) or oral presentation (6 minutes)

1. Should judges make law?
2. Is a power imbalance between a government and its people necessary for a democratic government to be effective and functional?
3. To what extent is lawmaking by the parliament effectively supervised by the Executive and Judiciary?
4. To what extent does case law and legislation adequately compensate for the lack of explicit human rights in the Constitution?
5. How adequately does the Australian legal system achieve the rule of law?

Success Criteria

To maximise your success in this task, you should:

* Consider carefully the inquiry questions that generate evidence to support your argument
* Read widely when searching for your sources
* Use and cite reputable sources (citation not included in the word count)
* Choose a competing tension that underpins your essay/presentation
* Articulate how the competing tension is relevant to your discussion
* Consider the structure your essay/presentation (clear introduction, body + conclusion)
* Address the improvements from feedback

**SACE Assessment Criteria**

You are being assessed on the following SACE marking criteria for this task:

**UA2** – Understanding and application of legal principles and processes

**UA3** – Research, selection, application and acknowledgement of relevant sources

**AE1** – Analysis of legal principles, processes or problems

**AE2** – Evaluation of legal issues or arguments to reach a resolution, and where appropriate, make recommendations.

**C1** – Communication of legal concepts and arguments.