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# **PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES PROGRESS ON INVESTIGATIONS**

**To 28 February 2005**

**55<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

*Issued by Authority of the President of the Legislative Council  
and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly*

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- (1) A Joint Investigatory Committee must inquire into, consider and report to the Parliament on any proposal, matter or thing that is relevant to its functions and has been referred to the Committee-
  - (a) by resolution of the Council or the Assembly; or
  - (b) by Order of the Governor in Council published in the Government Gazette.
- (2) A resolution of the Council or the Assembly referred to in sub-section (1)(a) may specify a period of time within which the Joint Investigatory Committee must make a final report to the Parliament on the proposal, matter or thing.
- (3) A Joint Investigatory Committee may inquire into, consider and report to the Parliament on any annual report or other document relevant to the functions of the Committee that is laid before either House of the Parliament in accordance with an Act.
- (4) In carrying out its functions, a Joint Investigatory Committee must –
  - (a) give priority before all other proposals, matters or things being inquired into or being considered by the Committee-
    - (i) first to those proposals, matters or things referred to it by resolution of the Council or the Assembly; and
    - (ii) second, to those proposals, matters or things referred to it by Order of the Governor in Council published in the Government Gazette; and
  - (b) comply with any limitation of time specified under sub-section (2).

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# **DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

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**Chair:**                Mr J Scheffer, MLC

**Executive Officer:** Sandy Cook

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## **INQUIRY INTO STRATEGIES TO REDUCE HARMFUL ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION**

Referred by Order of the Governor in Council on 6 May 2003, to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on strategies to reduce harmful alcohol consumption. In particular the Committee is required to:

1. Investigate the nature, extent and culture of alcohol consumption on the Victorian community and the associated costs to the community.
2. Examine the role of alcohol advertising including its influence on harmful alcohol consumption and high-risk groups such as young people and Kooris.
3. Review the adequacy of existing strategies for reducing harmful alcohol consumption.
4. Recommend best practice strategies to address the issue of harmful alcohol consumption, including regulatory, law enforcement, education and treatment responses.
5. Examine national and international legislation, reports and material relevant to this issue.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 1 July, 2005.

### ***Activities during February 2005***

- **Discussion Paper continued to be circulated**
- **Literature review continued**
- **Analysis of submissions underway**
- **The Chair, Mr Johan Scheffer, Mr Bill Sykes and staff attended *the 'Thinking Drinking'* conference hosted by the Australian Drug Foundation on 21-23 February.**

## **INQUIRY INTO VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH MOTOR VEHICLE USE**

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 3 June 2003 for inquiry, consideration and report on:

1. the incidence, prevalence, severity, cost and impact of violence associated with motor vehicle use;
2. a review of Victorian, national and international research into violence associated with motor vehicle use;
3. the effectiveness of strategies and initiatives relating to violence associated with motor vehicle use; and
4. the need for policy and legislative reform to reduce violence associated with the motor vehicle use at the state level.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 March 2005.

### ***Activity during February 2005***

- **Writing and editing of draft report.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Inquiry into Public Drunkenness — Response due December 2001

Inquiry into Crime Trends — Fifth Report — Response due April 2003

Inquiry into Fraud and Electronic Commerce — Response due July 2004  
*Interim response tabled – 15 September 2004*

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**Chairman:**        Mr. Tony Robinson, MP

**Executive Officer:** Dr. Russell Solomon

## **INQUIRY INTO LABOUR HIRE EMPLOYMENT IN VICTORIA**

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Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 3 June 2003. The Committee is required to report on:

- (a) The extent and breadth of labour hire employment in Victoria, including the:
  - (i) employment status of workers engaged by labour hire companies;
  - (ii) use of labour hire in particular industries and/or regions; and
  - (iii) application of industrial relations, occupational health and safety, and workers compensation legislation.
- (b) the consequences of the use of labour hire employment. Consideration should be given, but is not limited, to:
  - (i) the rights and obligations of labour hire employees, labour hire agencies and/or host employers under industrial relations, occupational health and safety, and workers' compensation legislation. Any ambiguity about the nature of rights and obligations between the three parties should also be considered;
  - (ii) the impact on industry skills levels;
  - (iii) contribution to the casualisation of the work force; and
  - (iv) the extent of any such consequences.
- (c) recommendations based on an assessment of the above matters and including consideration of:
  - (i) the jurisdictional limitations of Victoria's industrial relations powers;
  - (ii) the recommendations of the New South Wales labour hire task force and the responsibilities of the New South Wales labour hire industry council (if established);
  - (iii) regulation in other Australian jurisdictions;
  - (iv) impact on business; and
  - (v) Worksafe Victoria campaigns and activities.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 May 2005.

### ***Activities during February 2005***

**9 written responses received as at end of February 2005**

**Public Hearing held in Melbourne:**

- **Dr. I. Campbell, Senior Research Fellow, RMIT**

**Contacting organisations relating to the proposed overseas study tour.**

### ***Future Activities***

**Further research into labour hire employment in Australia and overseas**

**Drafting of chapters for the Final Report.**

## **INQUIRY INTO THE VIABILITY OF THE VICTORIAN THOROUGHbred/STANDARDbred BREEDING INDUSTRIES**

Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council, on 1 February 2005 to inquire into and report to Parliament on the Viability of the Victorian Thoroughbred/Standardbred Breeding Industries with a particular regard to the following:

1. the strength of the Victorian thoroughbred/standardbred breeding industries compared to other Australian states;
2. the role of overseas breeding interests and the influence that they are having on the Victorian industry;
3. the extent to which the Victorian industries are being integrated at a national and international level;
4. the extent to which the Victorian industries have adopted international best practice;
5. employment and investment opportunities and patterns with particular emphasis in regional Victoria; and
6. the development of skills within the industries.

with a view to making recommendations on how the industries may be further developed.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 September 2005.

### ***Activities during February 2005***

**Advertisements placed in major metropolitan newspapers advertising reference and calling for submissions**

**Contacting organisations relating to the proposed overseas study tour.**

# EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

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Ms Janice Munt, and Mr Victor Perton.*

Chair:                              Steve Herbert MP

Executive Officer:                      Karen Ellingford

## SUITABILITY OF CURRENT PRE-SERVICE TEACHER TRAINING COURSES

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Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 3 June 2003. The Committee is required to inquire into, consider and report on the suitability of current pre-service teacher training courses, including:

- (a) future requirements of such courses to train teachers appropriate for future schooling; and
- (b) the particular training needs and arrangements for mature-age entrants from other professions –

and, in conducting the inquiry, the Committee is to:

- (i) determine the range and nature of pre-service teacher training courses within Victoria and the variation among these courses in areas of contact and practicum time, and in course focus on content and pedagogy;
- (ii) examine a range of pre-service teacher training courses across Australia and internationally, focussing on how these courses differ and how they meet the needs of teachers and education systems for the 21<sup>st</sup> century;
- (iii) determine the skills and knowledge required of teachers, and therefore of pre-service teacher training courses, in response to reflect the changing nature of education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century;
- (iv) examine issues related to attracting people from other professions to become qualified teachers in Victoria; and
- (v) make recommendations on specific requirements for pre-service teacher training courses, based on the skills and knowledge required of teachers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and to support increased entry of mature-age entrants from other professions.

The Parliament has revised the reporting date and now requires the Committee to table no later than 31 March 2005.

***Activity during February 2005***

**A final report was tabled out of session on 28 February 2005.**

**PROMOTION OF MATHS AND SCIENCE EDUCATION**

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Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 27 July 2004 to inquire into and report on opportunities to promote maths and science in Victorian education.

In particular, the Committee is requested to:

1. Determine which factors will support high quality teaching and learning of mathematics and science including teaching method and environment, subject knowledge, pedagogy, and teaching expertise.
2. Examine national and international trends and report on innovative initiatives that promote the teaching and learning of maths and science.
3. Determine how best practice in teaching of maths and science can be shared among schools and other education communities and identify other opportunities for cross government action.
4. Determine how new business, industry and research applications of mathematics and science can be integrated into schools and learning communities.
5. Examine the potential for greater cross-sectoral links between industry, tertiary and training institutions and schools in the promotion of mathematics and science education.
6. Examine gender issues in the teaching and learning of mathematics and science education.
7. Consider ways of promoting greater interest by suitably qualified people to undertake mathematics and/or science teaching careers.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by September 2005.

***Activity during February 2005***

**The Committee discussed submissions received and the overall research program planned for the inquiry**

***Future Activity***

**Public hearings to commence in March.**

**COMMITTEE REPORT TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Inquiry into Suitability of Current Pre-Service Teacher Training Courses - Response due August 2005.

# ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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**Chair:**              Ms J M Lindell, MP

**Executive Officer:** Dr Caroline Williams

## **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

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Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 27 April 2004. The Committee is required to:

1. Examine what practical low cost initiatives State or Local Governments can encourage that will:
  - promote efficiency of water use and supply and use of energy;
  - reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
  - increase the rate of recycling;
  - foster renewable energy use; and
  - improve energy efficiency.
2. Identify the barriers to increasing the rate of participation by individuals and households in recycling and conserving water, energy and other resources, and improving energy efficiency.
3. Identify other low cost opportunities for communities to participate in promoting and encouraging environmental sustainability.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 May 2005.

## ***Activities during February 2005***

**85 submissions received to date**

**The Committee undertook an overseas study tour of Denmark, Germany, France and Belgium as part of the Sustainable Communities Inquiry during 26 January- 11 February 2005.**

**The Committee met with the following people:**

**28 January, Copenhagen**

- **Professor John Thøgersen, Aarhus School of Business, Department of Marketing**
- **Mr Matthew Peek, Ambassador and Ms Sue Jorgenson, First Secretary, Australian Embassy**

**31 January, Copenhagen**

- **Mr Anders Hasselager, Programme Manager and Mr Jens Lausten, Danish Energy Authority, Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs**
- **Mr Michael Iven, Demand Side Manager, Industry Association for Grid and Supply Obligation Companies**
- **Mr Thomas Scott Lund, Information Officer, Energi E2**

**1 February, Copenhagen**

- **Mr Lars Fogh Mortensen, Program Analyst, Sustainable Consumption; Ms Teresa Ruch Olsen, Project Manager, Public Relations; Mr Bartosz Zambrzycki, Project Manager, Waste and Mr Pawel Kazmierczyk, Project Manager, Material Flows, European Environment Agency**
- **Ms Lene Bjerg Kristensen, Waste Department, City of Copenhagen**
- **Mr Nis Christensen, Deputy Head of the Strategic Division, Danish Environmental Protection Authority**

**2 February, Berlin**

- **Ms Anneliese Looss, Branch Head; Mr Christian Loewe, Desk Officer, Product Assessment and Ecolabelling; Mr Hermann Keßler, Head, Hazardous Waste Management; Mr Christoph Erdmenger, Renewable Energy and Mr Christoph Mordziol, Desk Officer, Rational Energy Use, Federal Environment Agency**
- **Ms Ulrike Dolzeal, Branch Head, Delegations, Protocol, Translation Service, Federal Ministry for Education and Research**
- **Mr Gerd Scholl, Economist, Ecological Product Policy and Mr Bernd Hirschl, Coordinator, Sustainable Energy and Climate Protection, Institute for Ecological Economy Research (IOW)**

### **3 February, Berlin**

- **Mr John Langtry, Charge d’Affaires; Ms Alison Carrington, Second Secretary and Ms Miriam Kueller, Senior Research and Projects Officer, Australian Embassy**

### **4 February, Freiburg**

- **Mr Gino van Begin, Regional Director for Europe; Ms Stefanie Lay, Information Coordinator; Mr Holger Robrecht, Director for Sustainability Management and Mr Konrad Otto Zimmermann, Secretary-General, ICLEI European Secretariat**
- **Mr Ralf Zähringer, Deputy Head and Mr Walter Aussenhofer, Office for Energy Issues, Freiburg Environmental Protection Agency**
- **Mrs K Kiefer, Group Head, ISE, Traunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems**
- **Mr Roland Veith, Project Leader, Vauban Estate, City of Freiburg**

### **7 February, Paris**

- **Mr Lorents G. Lorensten, Director; Mr Kenneth G. Ruffing, Deputy Director; Mr Henrik Harjula, Principal Administrator, Sustainable Material and Waste Management, National Policies Division and Ms Ysé Serret, Administrator, Sustainable Household Consumption, National Policies Division, OECD Environment Directorate**

### **8 February, Paris**

- **Ms Jan Tronningsdal, Sustainable Energy Expert; Mr Alan Meier and Mr Paul Waide, Energy Efficiency and Environment Division, International Energy Agency; Mr Jonathan Cooney, Country Studies Division (Desk Officer for Australia); Ms Lily Alisse, Renewable Energy Unit, Energy Technology and Research Development Office and Mr Bob Pegler, Minister-Counsellor, Industry, Tourism and Resources, Australian Delegation to the OECD`**
- **Mr Patrick Deronzier, Head of Resources and Local Services Bureau, Directorate for Economic Studies and Environment Evaluation; Mr Emmanuel Caisedo, Adviser, Environment Taxation Bureau and Mr Sebastien Merceron, Advisor, Greenhouse Effect Bureau, Ministry for Ecology and Sustainable Development**
- **Mr Bertrand Marcincal, Secretary, France-Australia Friendship Group**
- **Ms Jane Madden, Minister, Permanent Delegate of Australia to UNESCO, Australian Embassy**

### **9 February, Paris**

- **Mr Fritz Balkau, Head; Mr Guido Sonnemann, Program Officer (Life Cycle Initiative, Waste); Ms Adriana Zacarias, Program Officer (Household Consumption, Marrakech Process) and Ms Isabella Marras, Programme Officer (Youth, Procurement), Production and Consumption Branch, United Nations Environment Program, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics**
- **Mr Christophe Frering, Energie-Cités**

### **10 February, Brussels**

- **Mr Paul Speight, Administrator, Waste Prevention and Recycling Strategy and Mr Tom Verheye, Administrator, Climate Change, Ozone and Energy Unit, Directorate-General Environment, European Commission**
- **Ms Goncalves, Administrator, Secretariat Environment Committee, European Union Parliament**
- **Ambassador Peter Grey, Ambassador to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg; Ms Jan Hutton, First Secretary and Ms Catherine Dobbin, Third Secretary**
- **Mr Henri Meiresonne, CEO and Mr Steven Boussemaere, Group Project Manager, Fost Plus**

### **11 February, Brussels**

- **Mr Tony Long, Director; Ms Eva Royo Gelabert, Senior European Water Policy Officer and Mr Jean-Philippe Denruyter, Climate Policy Officer, WWF European Policy Office**
- **Ms Hilke Evenepoel, Water Policy Officer, WWF Belgium**
- **Mr Jean-Pierre Hannaquart, Director General and Ms Sophie Marguliew, Project Manager and Association for Cities and Regions for Recycling.**

### ***Future activity***

- **Continue drafting the report.**

# **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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**Chairman:** Mr R Smith, MLC

**Executive Officer:** Mr P L Bourke

## **IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF URBAN DESIGN AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC ART IN VICTORIA**

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Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 6 May 2003, to inquire into, consider, and make recommendations on options to improve the quality of urban design and increase opportunities for public art in development in Victoria and, in particular to report on:-

1. Mechanisms and good practice for the delivery of urban art outcomes, both by the public and private sectors, either as integral parts of development or as contributions to art works in the public realm.
2. The adequacy of existing programs and funding mechanisms for the delivery of and support of urban design and public art, and make recommendations for cost-effective improvement in these programs and mechanisms.
3. Recommendations for mechanisms to increase funding for urban design and public art, and in particular ways to forge partnerships between the public and private sectors for that purpose.
4. Recommendations to improve community understanding of, access to and active participation in urban design and public art.
5. The need for change to legislation or statutory requirements to implement any recommendations made as a result of the Inquiry.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 December 2005.

### ***Activities during February***

**Inquiry has not yet commenced.**

## **INQUIRY INTO ISSUES RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BODY IMAGE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AND ASSOCIATED EFFECTS ON THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

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Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 18 January 2003, to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on issues relating to the development of body image among young people and associated effects on their health and wellbeing.

The Committee is requested to:

1. Identify factors which contribute to the development of body image among young people;
2. Consider:
  - the role of the media, family, the peer group and other potential factors in the development of body image;
  - other factors that impact on body image;
  - the associated health and other impacts of eating disorders, steroid use, and other manifestations of problematic body image, on young people;
  - gender differences in the development of problematic body image.
3. Analyse available medical research on the linkages between mental health and problematic body imagery;
4. Identify good practice in the promotion of positive body image among young people and how risk factors associated with negative body image can be combated;
5. Identify possible improvements to health promotion campaigns aimed at young people, that promote positive body image and self esteem;
6. Investigate the extent to which promoting positive body image and self esteem among young people can help to prevent associated health risks such as potentially dangerous weight loss methods, eating disorders, steroid use, exercise dependence or avoidance, obesity and mental ill health;
7. Consider whether further strategies are needed to enhance and promote positive body images among young people and, if so, what form the strategies should take (including non-legislative options) and whether these would be best developed by government agencies, the community sector or through partnership arrangements.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 April 2005.

### ***Activities during February***

#### **Preparation of draft report**

**List of possible witnesses for further public hearings reviewed.**

## **INQUIRY INTO THE REGULATION OF THE FUNERAL INDUSTRY**

Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 20 January 2004, to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on:

The current regulatory framework, including self-regulatory mechanisms, that is relevant to the funeral industry and assess its adequacy, where necessary identifying options for industry and government to improve practices in the industry.

In particular the Committee is required to:

1. Identify all existing regulation and self-regulatory arrangements applying to the funeral industry in Victoria, including those covering practices associated with planning, health, employee safety and consumer protection.
2. Examine the adequacy of the current regulatory framework, taking into account:
  - the quantity and severity of complaints;
  - community perceptions of ethical standards;
  - public and environmental health concerns;
  - occupational and employee health and safety issues; and
  - consumer protection and fair trading issues.
3. Assess the nature and extent of problems in the industry and, if necessary, consider options to address these. Options could include, but not be limited to:
  - Standards of the conduct of funerals, including storage, transportation and physical treatment of deceased persons that protect public health and safety and ensure dignity and respect for the dead;
  - Standards of employee training and workplace support;
  - Planning requirements regarding the establishment of funeral parlours; and
  - Extending coverage and enforcement of fair-trading laws.
4. Identify the form any intervention should take and whether government agencies, industry bodies or a combination of the two would best undertake it. In particular consider non-legislative options such as the development of codes of conduct, accreditation schemes, education and training programs and the development of information products.

In considering this reference, the Committee should take into account:

Community experiences of the industry and the nature and extent of community concerns;

The level of consumer complaints;

Employee complaints and compensation claims within the industry;

Pricing practices;

The costs and benefits to the community of different approaches to regulation; and

Regulation and other activities being undertaken in other jurisdictions.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 April 2005.

### ***Activity during February***

#### **Review of draft Chapters.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Inquiry into Examining the Roles of Community Advisory Committees of Metropolitan Health Services - Response tabled in the Legislative Council on 24 February 2005.

Inquiry Examining the Impact on the Victorian Community and Public Hospitals on the Diminishing Access to After Hours and Bulk Billing General Practitioners - Response due April 2005

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**(Assembly)**     *Ms D.A. Beard, Mr R. Hudson, Mr A. G. Lupton and  
Mr N. J. Maughan.*

**Chairman:**        Mr R. Hudson, MP

**Executive Officer:** Ms M. L. Mason

## **INQUIRY INTO WARRANT POWERS AND PROCEDURES**

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Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 3 June 2003. The Committee is required to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on:

1. Victoria's existing warrant powers and procedures, including arrest warrants, warrants to seize property and search warrants; and
2. whether the existing laws should be amended, and in what way, having particular regard to the need to promote fairness, consistency and efficiency.

The Committee was initially required to report to Parliament by 31 March 2004. An extension has been granted with the report now required to be tabled by the last day of the Autumn 2005 sittings.

### ***Activities during February 2005***

- **Drafting of final report**
- **Second site visit to the PERIN Court Special Circumstances list.**

### ***Future Activities***

- **Forum of agencies involved in PERIN matters**
- **Draft report to Committee for consideration**
- **Committee meetings to consider draft report.**

## **INQUIRY INTO THE CORONER'S ACT 1985**

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Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 7 December 2004. The Committee is required to inquire into and report to Parliament on the effectiveness of the Coroner's Act 1985 (the Act) and to consider whether the Act (excluding Part 9) provides an appropriate legislative framework for:

- (a) the independent investigation of deaths and fires in Victoria;
- (b) the making of recommendations to:
  - (i) prevent deaths and fires in Victoria; and
  - (ii) improve the safety of Victorians; and
- (c) the provision of support for the families, friends and others associated with a deceased person who is the subject of a coronial inquiry.

In particular, the Committee is required to recommend any areas where the Act should be amended or modernised to better meet the needs of the Community.

In making its inquiry the Committee should examine equivalent legislation and its operation in other jurisdictions.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 December 2005.

### ***Activities during February 2005***

- **preliminary briefing for Committee from State Coroner, Graeme Johnstone and the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine**
- **drafting of discussion paper.**

### ***Future Activities***

- **draft discussion paper considered by Committee**
- **advertise inquiry and call for submissions**
- **distribute discussion paper.**

## **INQUIRY INTO THE ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACT 1958**

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Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 3 June 2003. The Committee is required to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on:

The **Administration and Probate Act 1958** and in particular to have regard to issues including, but not limited to:

1. the desirability of new legislation and procedures to deal with the administration of a deceased person's estate.
2. whether the act should be amended to provide alternative mechanisms for the resolution of disputes that involve small estates;
3. whether the Magistrates Court and the County Court should also be given jurisdiction to deal with grants of probate and administration and deal with disputes relating to wills; and

4. whether amendments are necessary in relation to the charges and commissions of solicitors who also act as executors.

The Committee was originally required to report to Parliament by 30 September 2004. An extension has been granted to the last sitting day of the Spring sittings 2006. The commencement of this inquiry has been delayed to await the final report of the National Committee for Uniform Succession Laws.

**Inquiry has not yet commenced.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Nil



# OUTER SUBURBAN/INTERFACE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Mr D A Nardella and Hon K M Smith

Chairman: Mr Don Nardella MP

Executive Officer: Mr Sean Coley

## INQUIRY INTO BUILDING NEW COMMUNITIES

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Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 18 January 2005. The Committee is required to inquire into and report to Parliament on issues relating to strengthening communities through improved community engagement in outer urban areas, including both developing and established communities.

In particular, the Committee is requested to:

1. Investigate existing forms of community engagement and recommend ways to strengthen and empower communities and build social capital;
2. Examine the role of community groups and all levels of government in promoting community engagement, with a view to strengthening outer suburban communities;
3. Investigate the role of new forms of communication, including the Internet and associated technologies, in supporting and enhancing community engagement;
4. Identify opportunities for increasing community engagement between Melbourne's outer suburban municipalities and communities;
5. Identify barriers to participate in various forms of community engagement and ways to overcome these barriers;
6. Investigate and report into how life-long learning, neighbourhood houses and other organisations can strengthen local communities;
7. Investigate and report on options for engaging, with a culturally diverse community, older persons, people with a disability and youth in the local community;
8. The role of volunteers and volunteer organisations in strengthening local communities;
9. The role of mentoring in the outer suburbs;
10. Examine national and international initiatives relevant to these issues; and
11. Investigate the implications of building new outer urban communities, on community cohesion in nearby rural communities, particularly during the transition period from rural to urban.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 March 2006.

### ***Activities during February 2005***

**The Committee called for written submissions in State-wide and targeted local newspapers**

**The Committee and Secretariat identified and contacted approximately 250 organisations and individuals requesting written submissions. The Committee also wrote to councils regarding the hosting of community forums**

**The Committee advertised for a new Research Officer and the staffing sub committee met to interview short-listed candidates. A decision on the appointment of the new Research Officer is expected to be made by 11 March.**

### ***Future Activities***

**On 9 March, the Committee is to make a presentation at a planning seminar on elements of the previous inquiry into Sustainable Urban Design for New Communities in Outer Suburban Areas, hosted by Banyule City Council**

**During March, the Committee will finalise its program for council forums and public hearings through to June 2005.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

**Inquiry into sustainable urban design for new communities in outer suburban areas – Response due April 2005.**

# **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

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**Chair:**                      Hon C. Campbell, MP

**Executive Officer:**      Ms M Cornwell

## **2003–04 BUDGET OUTCOMES**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003, section 33(3)*

### ***Activities during February 2005***

**Follow-up outstanding issues with departments.**

**Remaining chapters of draft report completed.**

### ***Future Activities***

**Draft report to be considered by the Committee.**

**Report to be tabled in Parliament and circulated to all Government  
Departments and Agencies.**

## **2005-06 BUDGET ESTIMATES**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968, section 4F (1) (b).*

### ***Activity during February 2005***

**Finalised arrangements for estimates hearings.**

### ***Future Activities***

**On 7 March 2005 letters to be forwarded to all Ministers/Departments outlining the arrangements for the estimates hearings.**

**Public hearings scheduled for the following dates:**

<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 May 10.00 am</b>	<b>Presiding Officers</b>	<b>Parliamentary Departments</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 May 1.30 pm</b>	<b>Hon. Steve Bracks</b>	<b>Minister for Multicultural Affairs</b>
	<b>Hon. Steve Bracks</b>	<b>Minister for Veterans' Affairs</b>
	<b>Hon. Steve Bracks</b>	<b>Premier</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 May 9.30 am</b>	<b>Hon. John Brumby</b>	<b>Minister for State and Regional Development</b>
	<b>Hon. John Brumby</b>	<b>Minister for Innovation</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 May 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Hon. John Brumby</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 May 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Hon. Bronwyn Pike</b>	<b>Minister for Health</b>
<b>Thursday 12 May 9.30 am</b>	<b>Hon. Peter Batchelor</b>	<b>Minister for Transport</b>
<b>Thursday 12 May 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Hon. R. Cameron</b>	<b>Minister for Agriculture</b>
<b>Friday 13 May 9.30 am</b>	<b>Hon. John Thwaites</b>	<b>Minister for Environment</b>
	<b>Hon. John Thwaites</b>	<b>Minister for Water</b>
	<b>Hon. John Thwaites</b>	<b>Minister for Victorian Communities</b>
<b>Friday 13 May 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Hon. Tim Holding</b>	<b>Minister for Corrections</b>
	<b>Hon. Tim Holding</b>	<b>Minister for Police and Emergency Services</b>
<b>Monday 16 May 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Hon. Lynne Kosky</b>	<b>Minister for Education and Training</b>
	<b>Hon. Jacinta Allan</b>	<b>Minister for Education Services</b>
<b>Monday 23 May 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Hon. André Haermeyer</b>	<b>Minister for Financial Services Industry</b>
	<b>Hon. André Haermeyer</b>	<b>Minister for Manufacturing and Export</b>
	<b>Hon. André Haermeyer</b>	<b>Minister for Small Business</b>
<b>Tuesday 31 May 9.30 am</b>	<b>Hon. Gavin Jennings</b>	<b>Minister for Aboriginal Affairs</b>
	<b>Hon. Gavin Jennings</b>	<b>Minister for Aged Care</b>
<b>Tuesday 31 May 1.30 pm</b>	<b>Hon. John Lenders</b>	<b>Minister for Major Projects</b>
	<b>Hon. John Lenders</b>	<b>Minister for WorkCover/TAC</b>
	<b>Hon. John Lenders</b>	<b>Minister for Finance</b>

<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO</b>
<b>Wednesday 1 June 9.30 am</b>	<b>Hon. Rob Hulls</b>	<b>Minister for Industrial Relations</b>
	<b>Hon. Rob Hulls</b>	<b>Minister for Planning</b>
	<b>Hon. Rob Hulls</b>	<b>Attorney-General</b>
<b>Wednesday 1 June 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Hon. Mary Delahunty</b>	<b>Minister for the Arts</b>
	<b>Hon. Mary Delahunty</b>	<b>Minister for Women's Affairs</b>
<b>Thursday 2 June 1.30 pm</b>	<b>Hon. Sherryl Garbutt</b>	<b>Minister for Community Services</b>
	<b>Hon. Sherryl Garbutt</b>	<b>Minister for Children</b>
<b>Friday 3 June 9.30 am</b>	<b>Hon. Candy Broad</b>	<b>Minister for Local Government</b>
	<b>Hon. Candy Broad</b>	<b>Minister for Housing</b>
<b>Wednesday 8 June 9.30 am</b>	<b>Hon. Theo Theophanous</b>	<b>Minister for Resources</b>
	<b>Hon. Theo Theophanous</b>	<b>Minister for Energy Industries</b>
<b>Wednesday 8 June 1.30 pm</b>	<b>Hon. Justin Madden</b>	<b>Minister for Sport and Recreation</b>
	<b>Hon. Justin Madden</b>	<b>Minister for Commonwealth Games</b>
<b>Thursday 9 June 9.30 am</b>	<b>Hon. Marsha Thomson</b>	<b>Minister for Information and Communication Technology</b>
	<b>Hon. Marsha Thomson</b>	<b>Minister for Consumer Affairs</b>
<b>Thursday 9 June 1.30 pm</b>	<b>Hon. John Pandazopoulos</b>	<b>Minister for Tourism</b>
	<b>Hon. John Pandazopoulos</b>	<b>Minister for Gaming and Racing</b>
<b>Tuesday 21 June 10.00 am</b>	<b>Hon. Jacinta Allan</b>	<b>Minister for Employment</b>
	<b>Hon. Jacinta Allan</b>	<b>Minister for Youth Affairs</b>

**The Committee's 2005-06 budget estimates questionnaire to be finalised and distributed to Ministers and Departments.**

**Prepare briefing papers for the estimates hearings.**

## **REVIEW OF AUDITOR–GENERAL’S REPORTS**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, section 33(3).

### ***Activity during February 2005***

On 22 February 2005, report no.60 on the Review of the Auditor-General’s report on Services for people with an intellectual disability was tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

### ***Future Activities***

In March 2005, an easy English version of the recommendations contained in report no.60 to be distributed to interested individuals and community service organisations.

The Auditor-General to brief the Committee on a number of VAGO reports.

Draft report on parliamentary control and management of appropriations to be completed and considered by the Committee.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN THE VICTORIAN PUBLIC SECTOR**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, section 33(3).

### ***Future Activities***

Complete draft report

Draft report to be considered by the Sub-Committee.

## **PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, section 33(3).

### ***Future Activity***

Draft report to be revised and considered by the Committee.

## **STATUTORY INDEPENDENT OFFICERS OF PARLIAMENT LEGISLATION**

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Source of reference: *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, section 33(3).

### ***Activity during February 2005***

On 21 February 2005, the Committee took evidence from the Ombudsman and the Deputy Ombudsman.

### ***Future Activities***

Draft report to be revised to take into account developments in other jurisdictions.

Draft report to be considered by the Committee.

## **PERFORMANCE AUDIT PROGRAM**

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Source of reference: *Audit Act 1994, section 15(2)*

### ***Activity during February 2005***

The Sub-Committee met with officers of the VAGO to discuss the draft specification for the performance audit on health purchasing practices.

## **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE**

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Source of reference: *Audit Act 1994, sections 17(1) and 19(2)*.

### ***Activity during February 2005***

On 28 February 2005 the Committee was briefed by the Auditor-General and senior officials of the VAGO on the VAGO draft budget and annual plan for 2005-06.

### ***Future Activities***

On 15 March 2005, the Committee to discuss the VAGO draft budget estimates and annual report.

The Committee to forward its response to the VAGO 2005-06 budget estimates to the Treasurer and the Presiding Officers.

Committee's response to the VAGO draft annual plan for 2005-06 to be forwarded to the Auditor-General.

The Committee to undertake a review of the findings and recommendations contained in the report of the independent auditor on the performance audit of the VAGO and discuss the report with the Auditor-General.

## **AUSTRALASIAN COUNCIL OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES (ACPAC)**

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### ***Activity during February 2005***

Chair, Deputy Chair and the Executive Officer attended the ACPAC conference in Brisbane and the Chair gave a paper.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

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### ***Activity during February 2005***

The Committee's annual report was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 22 February 2005.

### ***Future Activities***

**On 7 March 2005, Professor Jean Shaoul, Professor of Public Accountability, University of Manchester to meet with the Committee's Executive Officer to discuss the Committee's inquiry into PPPs**

**On 8 March 2005, Professor Akiri Imori, Professor of Accounting, Aichi Gakuin University to meet with the Committee's Executive Officer to discuss the PAEC's work on environmental accounting and reporting.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSES**

Report on the review of the Auditor-General's special report no. 51 – Victorian Rural Ambulance Services: fulfilling a vital community need – Response due May 2005.

Report on the 2004-05 Budget Estimates – Response due May 2005.

Report on the review of the Auditor-General's report on Services for people with an intellectual disability – Response due June 2005.

# ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

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**(Assembly)**     *Mr Alistair Harkness, Mr Craig Langdon, Mr Terry Mulder and Mr Ian Trezise, MP.*

**Chair:**            Mr Ian Trezise, MP

**Executive Officer:** Ms A Douglas

## **COUNTRY ROAD TOLL**

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Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 5 June 2003. The Committee is required to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on:

- (a) the incidence and causative role of speed, drugs, alcohol and fatigue in rural road crashes;
- (b) the role of the road and roadside environment in the causation and severity of crashes;
- (c) the role and potential contribution to crash causation of vehicle features such as cruise control and in car navigation systems;
- (d) the extent and effectiveness of enforcement activities in country Victoria;
- (e) measures which could be introduced to reduce the incidence and severity of crashes; and
- (f) the need for change to legislation or statutory requirements to implement any recommendations made as a result of this inquiry -

and, in conducting the inquiry, the committee is to seek information from government and non-government agencies, local government, motoring organisations and the community. In particular, the committee is requested to examine measures being developed and implemented in other jurisdictions and countries with significant and comparable rural road networks.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 March 2005.

### ***Activity during February 2005***

**Research and a draft of the main report was finalised. A draft report was circulated to the Committee for consideration.**

### ***Future Activity***

**Commence deliberation of report.**

## **CRASHES INVOLVING ROADSIDE OBJECTS**

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Referred by Legislative Assembly on 5 June 2003. The Committee is required to inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on:

- (a) the incidence, causes and appropriate means of addressing road crashes involving vehicles leaving the road and colliding with roadside objects;
- (b) the liability and accountability issues relating to roadside utility poles, trees and other fixed objects;
- (c) appropriate risk management guidelines and practices for roadside hazard management in various speed zones; and
- (d) the need for change to legislation or statutory requirements to implement any recommendations made as a result of this inquiry -

and in conducting the inquiry, the committee is to seek information from government and non-government agencies, motoring and environmental organisations, local government, utility companies, the community and any other body responsible for the placement or removal of roadside objects. In particular, the committee is requested to examine practices in other jurisdictions.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 March 2005.

### ***Activity during February 2005***

**Deliberative meetings continued through February.**

### ***Future Activity***

**The Committee to adopt report.**

# **RURAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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**Chair:** Mr Ben Hardman MP

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## **INQUIRY INTO THE CAUSE OF FATALITY AND INJURY ON VICTORIAN FARMS**

Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 6 May 2003 (amended 3 June 2003, further amended 16 December 2003 and 31 August 2004), for inquiry, consideration and report to Parliament on:

1. The main causes of fatality and injury on Victorian farms compared to other jurisdictions.
2. The matter and type of injuries on Victorian farms compared to other industries and jurisdictions.
3. Current programs and initiatives designed to improve occupational health and safety on Victorian farms.
4. Any impediments to sustaining improvements in farm safety.
5. The financial and social cost of death and injury on Victorian farms.
6. The need for further strategies to reduce the incidence of injury and fatality on Victorian farms, what form the strategy should take and whether they are best developed by government agencies, industry bodies, worker representatives or a combination of these. In particular the committee should consider the creation of further codes of practice or education and training programs.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 June 2005.

### ***Activity during February 2005***

- **The Committee considered drafts of the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the report.**

### ***Future activities***

- **Draft Chapter 2 to be considered in early March**
- **Continue drafting chapters**

- **Members to consider draft chapters.**

### **INQUIRY INTO COUNTRY FOOTBALL**

Referred by the Legislative Assembly on 3 June 2004 (amended 31 March 2004), for inquiry, consideration and report to Parliament on:

The impact on life in rural and regional Victoria of Australian Rules Football and, in conducting the Inquiry, the Committee is to:

- (a) assess the current strength and long-term viability of Australian Football competitions and clubs in regional and rural Victoria;
- (b) assess the role Australian Football plays in building community identity, social interaction and pride in rural towns. (This should be considered in conjunction with complementary long-term existing relationships with netball and cricket competitions.);
- (c) investigate how demographic shifts, changes in sport and entertainment preferences and other social changes are impacting on participation in country based football;
- (d) identify the effects that the decline in the number of rural Australian Football clubs is having on country towns including whether other sport and recreation clubs/activities are meeting community social needs in towns where the Australian Football clubs have ceased to function;
- (e) identify the impact that specific costs are having on rural Australian Football associations and clubs. The costs to be investigated (but not necessarily restricted to) include insurance, local government charges and pricing policies, player payments and water availability and cost;
- (f) recommend actions that peak football organisations (administrators, leagues and clubs) might consider undertaking to support the future success of country football and participation in sport in regional and rural Victoria

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 September 2004.

#### ***Activities during February 2005***

- **Copies of the Report were sent to the Victorian Country Football league to distribute during their regional seminars in Victoria.**

### **INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BUSINESS**

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Referred by Order of the Governor-in-Council on 3 June 2003, for inquiry, consideration and report to Parliament on:

The potential benefits to Victorian regional businesses from improved access to telecommunications infrastructure and services, in particular broadband infrastructure and services, and highlight any impediments that may stop businesses realising this potential. To this end, the Committee should consider the core issues of the:

1. current availability of telecommunication services at affordable prices for businesses in Victorian regional areas;

2. current availability of adequate telecommunications infrastructure for businesses in Victorian regional areas;
3. current level of competition in both the retail and wholesale telecommunications markets in Victorian regional areas;
4. current level of utilisation of available telecommunication infrastructure in regional Victoria;
5. effect that competition, in both the retail and wholesale telecommunications markets, has on the provision of telecommunication services to businesses in Victorian regional areas; and
6. effect that the current regulatory environment has on competition, in both the retail and wholesale telecommunications markets, in Victorian regional areas;

To make recommendations on any necessary or desirable actions that could be taken to assist Victorian regional businesses to be able to take advantage of any benefits from improved access to telecommunications infrastructure and services that may be identified.

The Committee should have regard to other reports that examine this matter in Victoria and other jurisdictions as well as on a national level and in particular:

1. The Telecommunications Services Inquiry 2000 (Besley);
2. The Regional Telecommunications Inquiry 2002 (Estens); and
3. "Australia's Broadband Connectivity" 2003 (Broadband Advisory Group).

This Inquiry has been proposed to examine the above matters with a focus on identifying growth opportunities for Victorian regional businesses through improving access to telecommunication services and infrastructure by improving the Victorian regional telecommunication market environment.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 September 2004.

#### ***Activities during February 2005***

- **Draft itinerary for possible overseas visit in July/August 2005 considered by the Committee**
- **Review of submissions and literature review commenced**
- **Informal meeting with Telstra organised.**
- **Executive Officer appointed.**

#### ***Future activities***

- **Informal meeting to be held with Telstra in early March**
- **Literature and submission review to be completed**
- **Public hearings to be organised for 2005**
- **Regional and rural visits to be organised for 2005**
- **Further work on planning possible overseas visit.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORT TABLED AND AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Inquiry into Country Football – Response due June 2005.



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H. Thompson (Deputy Chair).*

Chair: *Ms Lily D'Ambrosio MP*

Executive Officer: *Andrew Homer*

## FULL COMMITTEE

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### *Activity during February*

The Committee met on 21 and 23 February 2005 where it considered and approved the following reports:

### Alert Digest No. 1 of 2005

Channel Deepening (Facilitation) Bill  
Corrections (Transition Centres and Custodial Community Permits) Bill  
Geothermal Energy Resources Bill  
Housing (Housing Agencies) Bill  
Major Crime (Investigative Powers) Bill  
Occupational Health and Safety Bill  
Public Administration Bill  
Retirement Villages (Amendment) Bill  
Safety on Public Land Bill  
Statute Law Revision Bill  
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Amendment) Bill

### Annual Review 2004

### Report on the Statute Law Revision Bill

### Alert Digest No. 2 of 2005

Serious Sex Offenders Monitoring Bill

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

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### **Electronic Democracy**

Mr Michael Leighton MP (Chair)  
The Hon. Lidia Argondizzo MLC  
Mr Peter Lockwood MP  
The Hon. Andrew Brideson MLC  
Mr Jude Perera MP  
Mr Murray Thompson MP

#### ***Activity during February 2005***

**The Subcommittee held public hearings from the 16-18 of February.**

### **Equal Opportunity**

Subcommittee of the whole Committee

#### ***Activity during February 2005***

**The Subcommittee met with Dr Helen Watchirs from ACT Human Rights Office, Jane Hearn from Department of Justice and Community Safety and Professor Hilary Charlesworth from Australian National University in Canberra on 28 February 2005 in furtherance of the inquiry.**

### **Redundant Legislation**

Mr Murray Thompson MP (Chair)  
Hon. Lidia Argondizzo MLC  
Ms Lily D'Ambrosio MP  
Mr Michael Leighton MP  
Mr Andrew McIntosh MP

#### ***Activity during February 2005***

**The Subcommittee did not meet in February.**

### **Regulation Review**

Mr Peter Lockwood MP (Chair)  
Ms Lily D'Ambrosio MP  
Mr Ken Jasper MP  
Hon. Andrew Brideson MLC  
Mr Jude Perera MP

#### ***Activity during February 2005***

**The Subcommittee met on 21 February 2005 considered and approved the following regulations –**

#### **Statutory Rules 2004**

**SR No. 122 – Tobacco (Grand Prix Events) Regulations 2004**  
**SR No. 123 – Cemeteries (Incorporation of Trusts)(Lilydale Cemeteries Trust) Regulations 2004**

- SR No. 124 – Subordinate Legislation (Transport (Railway and Tramway Safety – Alcohol Controls) Regulations 1994 – Extension of Operation) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 125 – Subordinate Legislation (Transport (Tow Truck) Regulations 1994 – Extension of Operation) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 126 – Transport (Passenger Vehicles)(Amendment) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 127 – Transport (Passengers and Rail Freight)(Amendment) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 128 – Prostitution Control (Amendment) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 129 – Prostitution Control (Fees) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 130 – Local Government (General) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 131 – Subordinate Legislation (Metropolitan Fire Brigades (General) Regulations 1994 – Extension of Operation) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 132 – Road Safety (General)(Amendment) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 133 – Supreme Court (Chapter II Amendment No.6) Rules 2004
- SR No. 134 – Tobacco (Victorian Health Promotion Foundation)(Further Membership Amendment) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 135 – Sex Offenders Registration (Amendment) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 136 – Fisheries (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 137 – Magistrates’ Court General (Further Infringements) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 138 – Fair Trading (Safety Standard)(Baby Bath Supports)(Interim) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 139 – Wildlife (Amendment) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 140 – Land Conservation (Vehicle Control)(Amendment) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 141 – Crimes (Search Warrant) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 142 – National Parks (Fees and Charges)(Amendment) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 143 – Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Interim) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 144 – Supreme Court (Chapter I Amendment No.27) Rules 2004
- SR No. 145 – Supreme Court (Chapter I Amendment No.28) Rules 2004
- SR No. 146 – Domestic Building Contracts and Tribunal (General)(Amendment) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 149 – Mental Health (Forms) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 151 – Transport (Alcohol Measurement) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 152 – Marine (Alcohol Measurement) Regulations 2004
- SR No. 153 – Magistrates’ Court Civil Procedure (Amendment No.11) Rules 2004
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