



TERMS OF REFERENCE

57th Parliament

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Inquiry into the establishment and effectiveness of Registered Aboriginal Parties

That under s33 of the Parliamentary Committees Act 2003 the following matters be referred to the joint investigatory committees specified:

To the **Environment and Natural Resources Committee** — for inquiry, consideration and report no later than 15 November 2012 on the establishment and effectiveness of Registered Aboriginal Parties and the Committee is asked to consider:

- (a) Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council policies in relation to the appointment of Registered Aboriginal Parties including the factors that should be taken into account by the council in making a decision such as:
 - (i) the degree to which traditional ownership is contested in the area the subject of an application;
 - (ii) the impact that decisions may have on the community;
 - (iii) the capacity of the applicant to fulfil legislative responsibilities if appointed;
 - (iv) the process used to determine and identify the successful Registered Aboriginal Party;
- (b) the support available to the Council in making decisions about the appointment of Registered Aboriginal Parties including:
 - (i) membership and structure of the Council;
 - (ii) council's capacity to inquire into matters relevant to applications, including supporting applicants to provide information needed to fully assess applications; and
- (c) the effectiveness of the established Registered Aboriginal Parties.

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