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**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
ETHICAL CONDUCT**

# Interim Report 3

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## **APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The motion for the establishment of the Committee was moved in the House of Assembly on Wednesday, 28 May last and agreed to, with an amendment, by the Legislative Council on Tuesday, 10 June last. The Resolution, as amended, was agreed to by the House of Assembly on Wednesday, 11 June last.

The Resolution provides as follows:-

*That a Joint Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of either House exceeding 14 days, and with leave to adjourn from place to place to inquire into and report upon the issue of ethical conduct, standards and integrity of elected Parliamentary representatives and servants of the State in performing their duties with particular reference to—*

- (a) a review of existing mechanisms currently available to support ethical and open Government in Tasmania and the capacity to conduct independent investigations;*
- (b) an assessment of whether those mechanisms need to be augmented by the establishment of an Ethics Commission or by other means and if so by what means; and*
- (c) any matters incidental hereto.*

## **INQUIRY**

The Committee resolved at its first meeting of 17 June last to invite, by way of advertisement on the Parliament of Tasmania internet page and in the three daily regional newspapers, interested persons and organisations to make a submission to the Committee in relation to the Terms of Reference. In addition to such general invitation, the Committee directly invited a number of persons and organisations to provide the Committee with any information they deemed to be relevant to the inquiry.

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

For the reasons set out in the first Interim Report of the Committee, in order to allow maximum public exposure of the issues to which the Committee is addressing itself, the Committee has resolved to table this second Interim Report pursuant to Standing Order 199 of the Legislative Council. Such Interim Report provides the mechanism to enable the transcripts of the evidence taken in public since the first Interim Report to become public documents.

## **EVIDENCE**

The Committee has resolved that the transcripts of evidence heard in public on: 5; 6; and 7 November last, together with the transcripts of the meetings held by the Sub-Committee on: 24, 25; and 26 November last, which have been taken into evidence by the Committee, be reported. Such documents are reported herewith.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The anticipated final public hearings of the Committee will be held on Friday, 27 March next. The volume and complexity of the evidence received is such that the requirement to report by Thursday, 30 April next cannot be achieved.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends to both Houses that the reporting date for the Committee be extended until Thursday, 9 July next.

**Parliament House  
Hobart  
16 March 2009**

**Hon. J. S. Wilkinson M.L.C.  
Chair**