

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INQUIRY INTO THE LEGAL RECOGNITION OF SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The Joint Standing Committee on Community Development has received a reference from the Attorney-General to inquire into and report to Parliament on the need for the legal recognition of significant personal relationships in Tasmania.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee is to investigate issues associated with the legal recognition of significant personal relationships, including but not limited to the inclusion of same sex relationships in the *De Facto Relationships Act*.

Deliberations are also to include, but not be limited to, the legal status of significant personal relationships with respect to their impact upon:

1. Financial issues including property division and maintenance after relationship breakdown,
2. Employment entitlements and benefits, for example:- Superannuation, industrial awards etc.,
3. Succession and intestacy legislation,
4. Rights as next of kin including circumstances of illness or death,
5. Statutory compensation schemes, for example:- *Fatal Accidents Act 1934*, *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*, *Motor Accidents (Liability and Compensation) Act 1973*, etc. and;
6. Any other relevant matter.