

Parliament of Tasmania

Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts

Inquiry into Government Acquisition of Fibre Optic Cable

Terms of Reference

The Standing Committee of Public Accounts has received a reference from the Legislative Council to investigate and report upon:

- (*a*) The due diligence process undertaken by the Government;
- (b) The terms of any contract between Downer EDI and the Government which has brought about the intended purchase of the fibre optic cable by the State Government; and
- (c) Any investigative work undertaken prior to the cable being laid and/or negotiations undertaken which led the Government to enter into the deal with Downer EDI.

Interested individuals and organizations are invited to make written submissions specifically addressing the Terms of Reference which should be lodged by 14 July 2003 with : The Secretary, Public Accounts Committee, Parliament House, HOBART, TAS, 7000 or email: pac@parliament.tas.gov.au.

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are protected by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not. The Committee encourages the lodgement of submissions in electronic form. Emailed submissions must include name phone number and postal address. Guidelines the preparation of a submission are available on the Internet at <u>http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/</u>, or by phoning the Secretary on 6233 2288 or 6233 2365.

Hon A W FLETCHER MLC <u>CHAIR</u>