

July 18<sup>th</sup> 2008

Wendy Edwards  
6 Paringa Avenue  
Newnham 7248  
Launceston TAS.

Joint Select Committee on  
Ethical Conduct  
Parliament House  
Hobart TAS.7000  
The Secretary

Dears Sir,

I requested a private submission due to a Court matter however I can provide an open submission on some matters.

It has come to my attention that the Government has existing mechanisms that I believe should be reviewed and considered by the committee for the following reasons:

1. Standards adopted by some public servants do not appear to be best practice by Australian standards.
2. The capacity of a public corporation to undertake advice from outside the organization appears to lack checks on how much power to shift from the Government to the firm and the amount of reimbursement for the service provided.
3. I particularly refer to M.A.I.B, The Public Trustee and the Ombudsmans Office. I have personal experience regarding my elderly parent in my capacity as her legal representative in dealing with public servants on her behalf.
4. I can supply further details in my private submission.

Yours faithfully,  
Wendy Edwards