

## Resolution of the House

That House of Assembly Standing Committees on Community and Environment, Resources and Development be established as follows:

- (1) That for the remainder of this Parliament, the Standing Committees on Community Development and Environment, Resources and Development be established to inquire into and report upon any issues and legislative proposals arising within the scope of the committees as set out below.

- (2) Scope of the two committees is: ♦

(a) Community Development Committee: ♦

- (i) health, welfare, education, justice and law;
- (ii) sports and recreation;
- (iii) racing and gaming;
- (iv) Public Sector operations;
- (v) arts, cultural development; and
- (vi) community quality of life; and

(b) Environment, Resources and Development Committee: ♦

- (i) Government Business Enterprises;
- (ii) regulation of business, commerce and industrial relations;
- (iii) economic and finance development;
- (iv) environment and land use planning;
- (v) Natural resources, forestry, mining and fisheries;
- (vi) energy;
- (vii) tourism;
- (viii) transport; and
- (ix) primary industry.

- (3) Each committee shall consist of five members.

- (4) The membership of each of the committees shall be as follows:

two nominated by the Leader of the House for the Government;

two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; and

one nominated by the Tasmanian Greens.

Members who are not members of the committees may participate in proceedings by asking questions of witnesses at the discretion of the Chair, but may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purposes of a quorum.

- (5) Each member of the committees shall have a deliberative vote only.
- (6)
  - (a) it shall be open to any member of a committee to nominate in writing to the Chair of the committee a proxy to attend any meeting of the committee on behalf of the member. A proxy member shall exercise all the rights of an appointed member including voting rights at any meeting of a committee; and
  - (b) if a permanent vacancy occurs in the membership of a committee the House shall, where appropriate, appoint a member in substitution.
- (7) A **quorum** for any meeting of a **committee** shall be three (of whom one is the Chair of the committee or Deputy Chair) when the committee is hearing evidence but shall be four when deliberating.
- (8) References can be made to the committees in the following manner: ♦
  - (a) by Resolution of the House; or
  - (b) by a Minister of the Crown; or
  - (c) by the Committee's own motion (including public submissions).
- (9)
  - (a) except as provided in (b), the committees shall conduct all their affairs in public unless the committee by majority vote determines it is in the public interest to take evidence and/or deliberate in private; and
  - (b) in deliberating or in taking evidence on matters which are commercial-in-confidence the Committee shall sit in private.
- (10) That the committees have the power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of the House exceeding fourteen days, with leave to adjourn from place to place and with leave to report from time to time.
- (11)
  - (a) a response by the Government to the recommendations contained in a report of a Standing Committee established in accordance with this order shall be laid upon the Table of the House within four months of the report having been brought up, provided, that should the Parliament not be sitting, the response may be lodged with the Clerk of the House for tabling on the next sitting day; and
  - (b) a response that is given to the Clerk under (a) is taken to have been published by order, or under the authority of, the House of Assembly.