



Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee

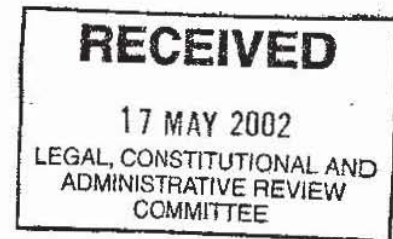
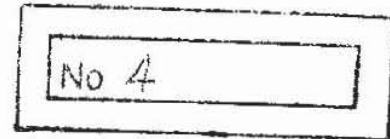
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Dear Ms Struthers

Re: LCARC issues paper – Issues of Constitutional reform

The Committee refers to your letter dated 18 April 2002 calling for written submissions in response to the above issues paper. The Committee has given the matters canvassed in the issues paper, particularly those contained in chapters 7 and 13, careful consideration.

The Committee wishes to make brief comment in relation to the issue of certain statutory office holders, discussed at chapter 13.2 of the issues paper, specifically the Office of the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Commissioner.

The Committee is satisfied with the statutory regime contained in the *Crime and Misconduct Act 2001* regarding the Office of Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Commissioner and regarding the relationship between that Office and the Committee. The Committee currently supports the continuation of that scheme.

The Committee asks that if your Committee proposes to recommend any specific changes to that current scheme, the Committee would appreciate the opportunity to respond to any such proposal, prior to any recommendation being made.

We thank you for inviting a submission from the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Wilson MP
Chairman