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Mr Paul Grant Clerk Assistant (Committees) Legislative Council Parliament House PERTH WA 6000



## Dear Mr Grant

I refer to your letter dated 20 March 2008 requiring response, under Legislative Council Standing Order 337, to the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (the Committee) *Report No.26: Issues Arising Under Health Local Laws* (the Report), as tabled in the Legislative Council on 20 March 2008.

The Report has been considered and the conclusions and recommendations set out in Part 5 are accepted and, in that respect, section 343B of the *Health Act 1911* is to be invoked to effect the necessary amendments to those local government Health Local Laws identified as containing provisions having similar effect to those specified in recommendations 1 and 2 of the Report.

With regard to Recommendation 2 of the Report, the word "obnoxious" is to be deleted rather than defined.

As part of the section 343B process, all local governments will now need to be contacted in order to identify whether their health local laws contain the offending provisions, so that the text or repeal of the actual provision can be appropriately dealt with.

It is anticipated that the required changes, as recommended in the Report, will be implemented within three months from the date of this advice.

Yours sincerely

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