



Premier of Western Australia

Our ref: D1305648

Hon Kate Doust MLC
Chair, Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review
Parliament House
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Dear Chair

STATUTES (REPEALS) BILL 2013

In response to your letter to the Attorney General, dated 25 September 2013, I wish to advise that a Bill is currently being developed to repeal obsolete legislation.

The content of the Bill has been largely informed by your Committee's Report, *Inquiry into the Form and Content of the Statute Book*, tabled in November 2012. As you may be aware, the Committee's findings complemented my own commitment to "Repeal Day", which will provide an opportunity for Parliament to focus on removing obsolete Acts.

I should note this Bill will represent a first step in removing unnecessary Acts from the statute book and will include only those Acts that are clearly redundant. The proposed repeal of other Acts, many of which were identified in your Committee's report, will require further investigation, and it is expected that many of these Acts will form the basis of a second repeal Bill to be developed during 2014. The issue of unproclaimed Acts will also be considered as part of this process.

I trust that answers your query and look forward to your Committee's support for the Bill's passage through Parliament

Yours sincerely

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PREMIER

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