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Report 50

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

*Terms of Reference: Inquiry into children and young people
on the Sex Offenders Register – is mandatory registration
appropriate?*

Presented by
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April 2019

Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

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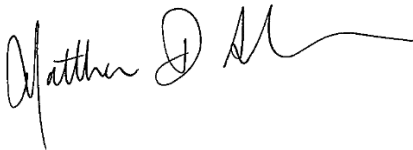


1 Reference and Procedure

Inquiry pursuant to Standing Order 179

- 1.1 On 10 April 2019, the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs resolved as follows:

To inquire into mandatory registration of children and young people on the Community Protection Offender Register (known as the sex offenders register) in accordance with the *Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004*.
- 1.2 In particular, the Committee will consider the following:
 - (a) the current criteria for registration on the sex offenders register;
 - (b) the advantages and disadvantages of mandatory registration;
 - (c) circumstances that may not warrant mandatory registration;
 - (d) the approach employed by other jurisdictions; and
 - (e) any other matters considered relevant by the Committee.
- 1.3 The Committee intends to table its report by the end of 2019.



Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chairman

Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

Date first appointed:

23 May 2017

Terms of Reference:

The following is an extract from Schedule 1 of the Legislative Council Standing Orders:

'2. Environment and Public Affairs Committee

- 2.1 *An Environment and Public Affairs Committee is established.*
- 2.2 The Committee consists of 5 Members.
- 2.3 The functions of the Committee are to inquire into and report on –
 - (a) any public or private policy, practice, scheme, arrangement, or project whose implementation, or intended implementation, within the limits of the State is affecting, or may affect, the environment;
 - (b) any Bill referred by the Council; and
 - (c) petitions.
- 2.4 The Committee, where relevant and appropriate, is to assess the merit of matters or issues arising from an inquiry in accordance with the principles of ecologically sustainable development and the minimisation of harm to the environment.
- 2.5 The Committee may refer a petition to another Committee where the subject matter of the petition is within the competence of that Committee.
- 2.6 In this order "environment" has the meaning assigned to it under section 3 (1) and (2) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.'



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