

STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM LEGISLATION AND STATUTES REVIEW



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Dear Mr Zio

Inquiry into the Review of Historical Regulations

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to your Inquiry into the Review of Historical Regulations.

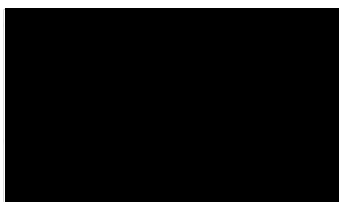
The Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review (Committee) reported on the form and content of the Western Australian statute book in its [Report 124](#), tabled in the Western Australian Legislative Council in November 2019. The terms of reference for that inquiry were to identify enactments that were obsolete, exhausted, expired or as yet unproclaimed with a view to having them removed from the statute book. The Committee found that:

- A significant number of potentially obsolete enactments remained on the statute book. While some mechanisms used in Western Australia help to reduce obsolete legislation, they were being underutilised. Other mechanisms were not being used at all.
- Other jurisdictions in Australia, New Zealand and Canada have some innovative approaches to managing and maintaining their statute books. The Committee reported on those approaches.

Your committee may find Report 124 useful for your inquiry.

If you have any queries, please contact the Committee's Advisory Officer, Ms Felicity Mackie, on unileg@parliament.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



Hon Dr Steve Thomas MLC
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