



Parliamentary Standing Committee
on
Subordinate Legislation

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Chair
The Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory

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Dear Chair,

Submission to Inquiry into the Review of Historical Regulations

Thank you for your invitation to participate in your current inquiry.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation (the Committee) has no oversight in reviewing historical regulations. The Committee plays no role in the pre-making of regulations. The making of subordinate legislation is a policy decision for government. The Committee scrutinizes regulations once they are made.

The legislative framework for making subordinate legislation in Tasmania sits within the [Subordinate Legislation Act 1992](#). Part 2 – Requirements regarding the making of subordinate legislation.

Following subordinate legislation being made, section 9 of this Act provides that certain documents be sent to the Committee. The Committee's scrutiny functions are set out at Section 8 of the Committee's Act – [Subordinate Legislation Committee Act 1969](#).

Section 11 of the Subordinate Legislation Act provides provisions for the staged repeal of subordinate legislation. Section 11(2) provides for a ten-year sunset provision. Section 11(5) provides the Governor, by order, may postpone by a period not exceeding 12 months on the dates on which any subordinate legislation specified in the order would otherwise be repealed under subsection (1).

The Committee notes the Department of Treasury and Finance is currently reviewing the Subordinate Legislation Act. I would suggest, if you haven't already done so, to extend an invitation for their participation along with Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

The Committee wishes you all the best with your inquiry.

Yours sincerely,



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