



Premier of Western Australia

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Mr Peter Abetz MLA
Chairman
Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Abetz

I write in relation to your correspondence on the Preliminary inquiry into access to called up standards in subsidiary legislation – response to Report 49 of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

In relation to Recommendation 1 of the Committee's Report 49, *Annual Report 2011* given on 12 September 2012 viz:

"The Committee recommends that the Government requires departments, agencies and local governments to advise on their internet site where standards called up in subsidiary legislation can be accessed at no cost."

I advise that providing access to standards called up in subsidiary legislation is an issue that needs to be considered on a case-by-case basis, and supported where appropriate. An example of where this access is provided is the Building Code. The Building Commission website currently provides a number of hyperlinks to the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB), which publishes the Building Code of Australia, as called up by the *Building Regulations 2012*. The ABCB website provides a hyperlink to a list of various outlets in Western Australia (a number of local government offices and libraries) at which a hardcopy version of the Building Code can be viewed by the general public at no cost.

Yours sincerely

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PREMIER

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