



**THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT**

**REPORT 34**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**INQUIRY INTO THE SANDALWOOD INDUSTRY IN  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA – REQUEST FOR ACCESS  
TO DOCUMENTS FROM THE 38<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT**

Presented by Hon Simon O'Brien MLC (Chair)

August 2013

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### Date first appointed:

17 August 2005

### Terms of Reference:

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

#### “1. Environment and Public Affairs Committee

- 1.1 *An Environment and Public Affairs Committee* is established.
- 1.2 The Committee consists of 5 members.
- 1.3 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 House; and
  - (c) petitions.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The Committee may refer a petition to another committee where the subject matter of the petition is within the competence of that committee.
- 1.6 In this order “**environment**” has the meaning assigned to it under section 3(1), (2) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.”

### Members as at the time of this inquiry:

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Hon Samantha Rowe MLC

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**1 REFERENCE AND PROCEDURE**

**Request for unpublished Committee records pursuant to Standing Order 224(2)**

- 1.1 At a meeting of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs (**the Committee**) held on 7 August 2013, the Committee resolved to continue the inquiry into the sandalwood industry in Western Australia commenced by the previous Committee of the 38<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 19 September 2012.
- 1.2 The Committee has previously advised the Legislative Council of its intention to continue this inquiry by means of report on 13 August 2013.
- 1.3 To assist it in this regard, the Committee therefore now requests that the Legislative Council order the release to this Committee of all unpublished records of the Committee of the 38<sup>th</sup> Parliament in connection with the inquiry into the sandalwood industry in Western Australia.

**Recommendation 1: The Committee recommends that the Legislative Council order the release to this Committee of all unpublished Committee records in connection with the inquiry into the sandalwood industry in Western Australia, pursuant to Standing Order 224(2).**



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**Hon Simon O'Brien MLC**  
**Chairman**  
**14 August 2013**