

**2009 Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission
Letters Patent 16 February 2009**

Suppression Order

The Chairman of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission makes the following orders:

1. The publication of the document which is Attachment 2 (wit.3010.001.0008-0012) to the witness statement of Detective Inspector Paul O'Halloran dated 22 May 2009, or any part thereof, is prohibited.
2. The publication of any report of any part of the proceedings of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, insofar as such report would tend to identify persons mentioned in Attachment 2 (wit.3010.001.0008-0012) to the witness statement of Detective Inspector Paul O'Halloran dated 22 May 2009, is prohibited.
3. As soon as is reasonably practicable, a copy of this order be posted on the door of the court room in which the hearings of the Commission take place.
4. As soon as is reasonably practicable, a copy of this order be posted on the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission website.

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The Honourable Bernard Teague
Chairman

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Section 19B(2) of the *Evidence Act 1958* (Vic) provides that the Commissioner presiding at a hearing of a Commission may make an order prohibiting the publication of a report of the whole or any part of the proceedings of a hearing or of any information derived from the hearing or part of it except by, or with the leave of, the Commission.

If an order is made under s19B(2) of the *Evidence Act 1958* (Vic), the Commissioner presiding at the hearing must cause a copy of the order to be posted on a door or other conspicuous place where the hearing is held.

A person must not contravene an order made and posted under s19B(2) and s19B(3) of the *Evidence Act 1958* (Vic). A penalty of 30 penalty units or imprisonment for 3 months applies.