



## 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission

Letters Patent issued 16 February 2009

### Practice Note No. 3

#### The Interim Report

1. The Commission is required by its Terms of Reference to present an Interim Report by 17 August 2009. It is anticipated that evidence, prior to the preparation of the Interim Report, will conclude on Wednesday 1 July 2009.

#### Counsel Assisting Submission re Interim Report

2. On or before 15 June 2009 Counsel Assisting to provide to parties with leave to appear (“the parties”) a list of topics that it is likely will be the subject of submissions of Counsel Assisting concerning the Interim Report.
3. On or before 23 June 2009 Counsel Assisting to provide to the parties the submissions of Counsel Assisting concerning findings and recommendations for the Interim Report.

#### Parties’ Submissions for Interim Report

4. On or before 30 June 2009 the parties with leave to provide to Corrs, solicitors to the Royal Commission, and to solicitors for other parties with leave written submissions concerning findings and recommendations for the Interim Report.

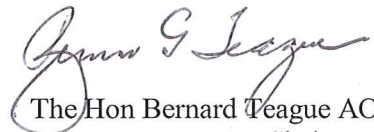
#### Format of Submissions

5. Submissions are to be typed and are not to exceed 25 A4 pages.

#### Oral Submissions

6. Parties with leave to appear who have provided written submissions will be given an opportunity of making oral submissions to the Royal Commission on 2 and 3 July 2009.
7. Oral submissions are not to be repetitive of written submissions. The opportunity to make oral submissions is to be utilised by parties to enlarge upon and explain the issues raised in written submissions.

8. It may be necessary to set time limits concerning oral submissions. Counsel Assisting will be the first to present oral submissions and the order of parties' presentation of oral submissions thereafter will be determined on 2 July 2009.



The Hon Bernard Teague AO  
Chairman  
2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission  
5 June 2009