



## 2009 Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission

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### Suppression Order

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

1. The publication of any prices or information which would tend to reveal the prices in the documents in the Hearing Book identified as a letter from Telstra dated 11 November 2008 and marked TEN.004.003.0205 and AGD.531.0373 is prohibited.
2. The publication of any report of any part of the proceedings of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission (in so far as such report either discloses prices or information which would tend to reveal the prices in the documents in the Hearing Book identified as a letter from Telstra dated 11 November 2008 and marked TEN.004.003.0205 and AGD.531.0373) 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.