

3. CONCLUSIONS

3.1 The lack of co-operation from the Victorian Government caused the Committee considerable difficulty in conducting its inquiry. The guidelines adopted by the Committee would have substantially affected the compellability of current and former members of state parliaments, current and former senior public servants, ministerial advisers and members of statutory bodies. As a consequence of the legal issues canvassed in Chapter 2 of this Report and the Committee's adherence to the principles of comity, the Committee formed the view that it was inappropriate to proceed with the compelling of witnesses in circumstances in which different classes of witnesses would be subject to different rights.

3.2 Further, as a consequence, the Committee has not addressed the subsidiary issues contained within the terms of reference not relating to the Victorian Casino as these were considered contingent on the main purpose of the inquiry.

RECOMMENDATION

3.3 The Committee therefore recommends that a full judicial inquiry or Royal Commission into the tendering process for the Victorian Crown Casino be held enabling issues relating to probity and the confidentiality of the tendering process to be investigated.

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