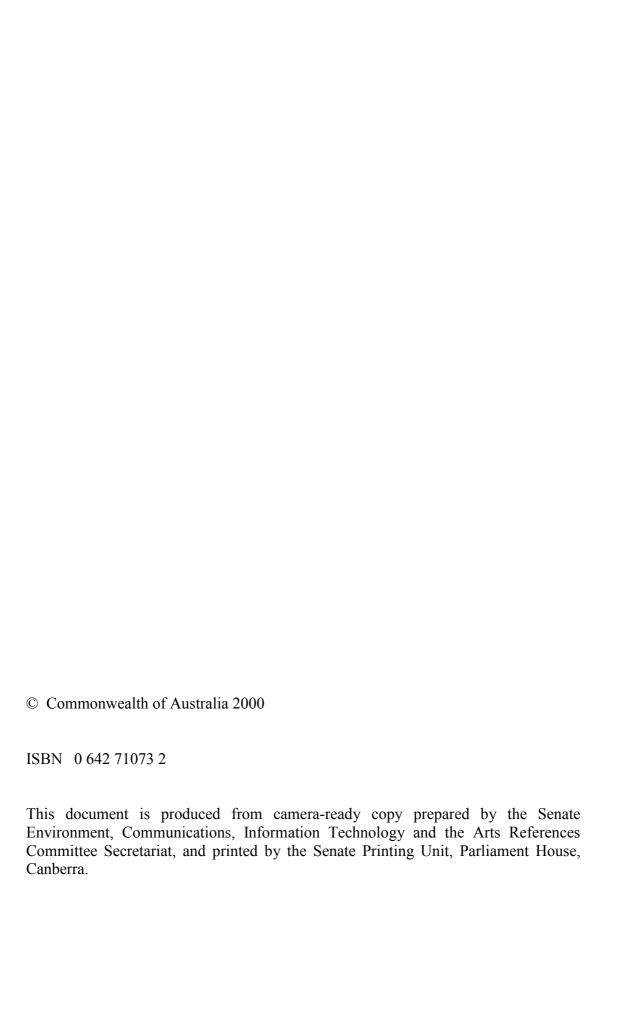
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

On 17 February 2000 the Senate referred the following matters to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee for inquiry and interim report on the matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) by 3 April 2000 and final report on the matters specified in paragraph (c) by 30 October 2000:

- (a) any existing commercial arrangements for the production, supply or distribution of Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) material online, including, but not limited to, mechanisms for ensuring ABC editorial control and independence;
- (b) any proposed commercial arrangements for the production, supply or distribution of ABC material online, including, but not limited to, mechanisms for ensuring ABC editorial control and independence; and
- (c) any extension to legislation which could be considered to ensure that the ABC is able to effectively provide an independent, innovative and comprehensive service in the online delivery environment.

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