Appendix 9

Committee Documents


5. Letter from Mr L. J. Curtis, First Assistant Secretary, Attorney-General's Department, 23 October 1978, setting down in writing points made to the Chairman outside the formal sitting of the Committee.


   9 (1) Library Association of Australia
   9 (2) Confederation of Australian Industry
   9 (3) State Librarians' Council
   9 (4) Victorian Committee for Freedom of Information (brief version of Submission no. 44)
   9 (5) The Australian Journalists' Association (see also Submission no. 81)
   9 (6) The Young Liberal Movement of Australia
   9 (7) Council for Civil Liberties in Western Australia
   9 (8) The Freedom of Information Lobby (S.A.) (see also Submission no. 46)
   9 (9) Australian Greek Welfare Society
   9 (10) Civil Liberties Association of W.A.
   9 (11) Women's Electoral Lobby, Perth (see also Submission no. 71)
   9 (12) Women's Electoral Lobby (Victoria) (see also Submission no. 7)
   9 (13) Conservation Council of South Australia Inc.
   9 (14) Council of Australian Government Employee Organisations (see also Submission no. 8)
   9 (15) Dr Ian MacLachlan


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18. Letter from Mr R. W. Cole, Chairman of the Public Service Board enclosing a draft paper on Guidelines for the Keeping of Personal Records on Staff in the Australian Public Service, 19 December 1978.


21. List of: (a) Departments and Authorities staffed under the Public Service Act (b) Statutory Authorities and Parliamentary Departments including respective operative staffing levels at November 1978 and June 1979 staff ceilings.


23. Letter from the Attorney-General’s Department enclosing a list of provisions in Commonwealth legislation which restrict access to information, 2 January 1979.

24. Letter from the Attorney-General’s Department, 18 January 1979, regarding the legal responsibility of the author of defamatory material which is disclosed pursuant to the Freedom of Information Bill.


31. Letter from the Office of the Public Service Board enclosing the Board's questionnaire to departments on the resource implications of the proposed freedom of information legislation, 31 January 1979.

32. Letter from the Australian Council of Social Service Inc. (ACOSS) regarding the public release of Social Security Manuals, 8 February 1979.

33. Letter from the Australian Society of Archivists, 7 February 1979, listing the essential issues raised in their submission to the Committee on the Archives Bill 1978.

34. Telex from the Australian Computer Society, 13 February 1979, on the need for access to computer models, data and analysis used in government decision making.


42. Letter from the Office of the Public Service Board enclosing the replies to the Freedom of Information Survey from the Departments of Administrative Services, Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Housing and Construction and Social Security, 7 March 1979.

43. Letter from Mr G. J. Yeend, Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet enclosing a statement on the availability of the internal working documents of an outgoing government to the incoming government, 13 March 1979.

44. Statement of William E. Williams, Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue (United States) before the Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, 25 April 1978.

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45. Letter from the Attorney-General's Department, 2 March 1979, correcting inaccuracies in the list of legislative provisions restricting access to information which was forwarded to the Committee on 2 January 1979.

46. Letter from the Local Government Association of South Australia Incorporated enclosing an article on the Rudnicki case.


64. 'Countries which have Different Archival Access Arrangements to Australia’s 30-Year Rule', paper prepared by the Legislative Reference Service, Department of the Parliamentary Library, Australia, 26 March 1979.

65. Letter from Dr Yolande Lucire, Psychiatrist, concerning the need for access to information in the Department of Social Security, 19 March 1979.


69. Letter from the Office of the Public Service Board enclosing the reply to the Freedom of Information Survey from the Department of Trade and Resources.

70. *Phillippi v. C.I.A.* 546 F. 2d. 1009 (D.C. Cir. 1976)

71. Collection of documents relating to the United States Freedom of Information Act: the original 1966 law and the committee reports which accompanied it; the 1967 law; and the legislative history of the 1974 amendments.

72. Letter from Mr G. J. Yeend, Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet providing examples of Commonwealth-State documents whose disclosure could be considered not to prejudice relations between the Commonwealth and the States, and examples of documents whose disclosure could prejudice relations, 6 April 1979.


74. Section 1A of the French Administration (relations with the public) Bill.


77. Letter from the Office of the Public Service Board enclosing the reply to the Freedom of Information Survey from the Department of Industrial Relations, 2 April 1979.
78. Letter from Mr John D. Wood, Chairman of Rupert Public Interest Movement on the role of the Ombudsman, 26 April 1979.

79. Undated letter from Mr Peter White, Secretary of the N.S.W. Freedom of Information Legislation Committee setting out the resolutions carried at a seminar convened by F.O.I.L. on Freedom of Information, Sydney University, 7 April 1979.

80. Letter from Senator Alan Missen, 18 April 1979, forwarding a copy of a letter sent to the Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association from the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs on 4 April 1979 denying the Association access to reports of efficiency reviews and staff utilisation reviews on the basis that they fall into the category of internal working documents.

81. Confidential letter from Mr Justice A. Woodward, Director-General of Security, A.S.I.O. 19 April 1979, supplementary to evidence given to the Committee in camera.

82. Letter from the Premier of Victoria, 18 April 1979, supporting the view that the Australia Council should be exempted from the provisions of the Freedom of Information Bill under clause 5 (c).

83. Letter from Mr R. W. Cole, Chairman of the Public Service Board, enclosing the reply to the Freedom of Information Survey from the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, 24 April 1979.

84. Senate Standing Committee on Education and the Arts (Reference: Archives Bill 1978) Transcript of Evidence, Wednesday, 11 April 1979, pp. 339-448. (Evidence by Sir H. L. White, C.B.E., former Parliamentary Librarian, National Librarian and Head of Archives; Professor R. G. Neale, Director-General, Australian Archives; and Mr C. Hurley, Senior Project Officer, Australian Archives).


86. N.S.W. Evidence (Amendment) Bill 1979.

87. Telegram from the Australian National Airlines Commission (TAA) to the effect that it would be making a submission in support of the Department of Transport's submission that the transport business undertakings be exempted from the Freedom of Information Bill, 4 May 1979.

88. Letter from the Attorney-General's Department, 9 May 1979, enclosing a paper on possible amendments to certain provisions of the Freedom of Information Bill.

89. 'Supreme Court rulings could open company files: Eyes on the Chrysler case', Business Week 2555, 9 October 1978, pp. 44-46.


91. Letter from the Attorney-General's Department, 5 June 1979, enclosing an updated list of the provisions of Commonwealth legislation which restrict access to information.

92. Letter from the Department of Defence, 1 June 1979, supplementing evidence given by Sir Arthur Tange concerning procedures relating to the notification by the United States of decisions to declassify documents which had already been given to Australia.

93. Letter from the Australian Consumers' Association, 4 June 1979, providing supplementary information regarding the use which American consumer organisations had made of the United States Freedom of Information legislation.


106. Response received to 35 questions placed on notice by Senator Alan Missen on 5 April 1978 seeking access to reports and documents held by the Commonwealth Government.


108. Letter from Senator Alan Missen, 30 June 1978, enclosing an edited version of a speech on 'Freedom of Information' he delivered to the La Trobe Valley Branch of the Young Liberal Movement at Moe, Victoria on 21 June 1978.


111. Letter from R. R. McNicoll, Honorary Secretary of the Friends of the La Trobe Library, 17 August 1978, enclosing the text of their representations to the Director-General of the Australian Archives on the subject of the Archives Bill 1978.


115. Letter from Ian Sinclair, Minister for Primary Industry, 14 December 1978, concerning the implications of freedom of information legislation for his Department.