



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ACT 2003

INQUIRY INTO MANUFACTURING IN VICTORIA

That the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee inquire into, consider and report to Parliament on the state of manufacturing in Victoria and, in particular, the Committee is required to:

- 1) explore the necessary criteria used by businesses to transfer offshore manufacturing to Victoria; and
- 2) identify and report on the factors which influence businesses in determining whether to manufacture in Australia or overseas including the consideration of:
 - a) the retention of intellectual property rights;
 - b) maintaining consistent quality standards in line with both federal and state laws;
 - c) probity matters;
 - d) assistance and incentives provided by governments; and
 - e) the impact that the global deterioration in economic conditions in recent months will have on future decisions regarding manufacturing locations.

The Committee is required to report to Parliament by 30 June 2010.