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(Dissolution) Bill from Commencement
until 31 December 1997**

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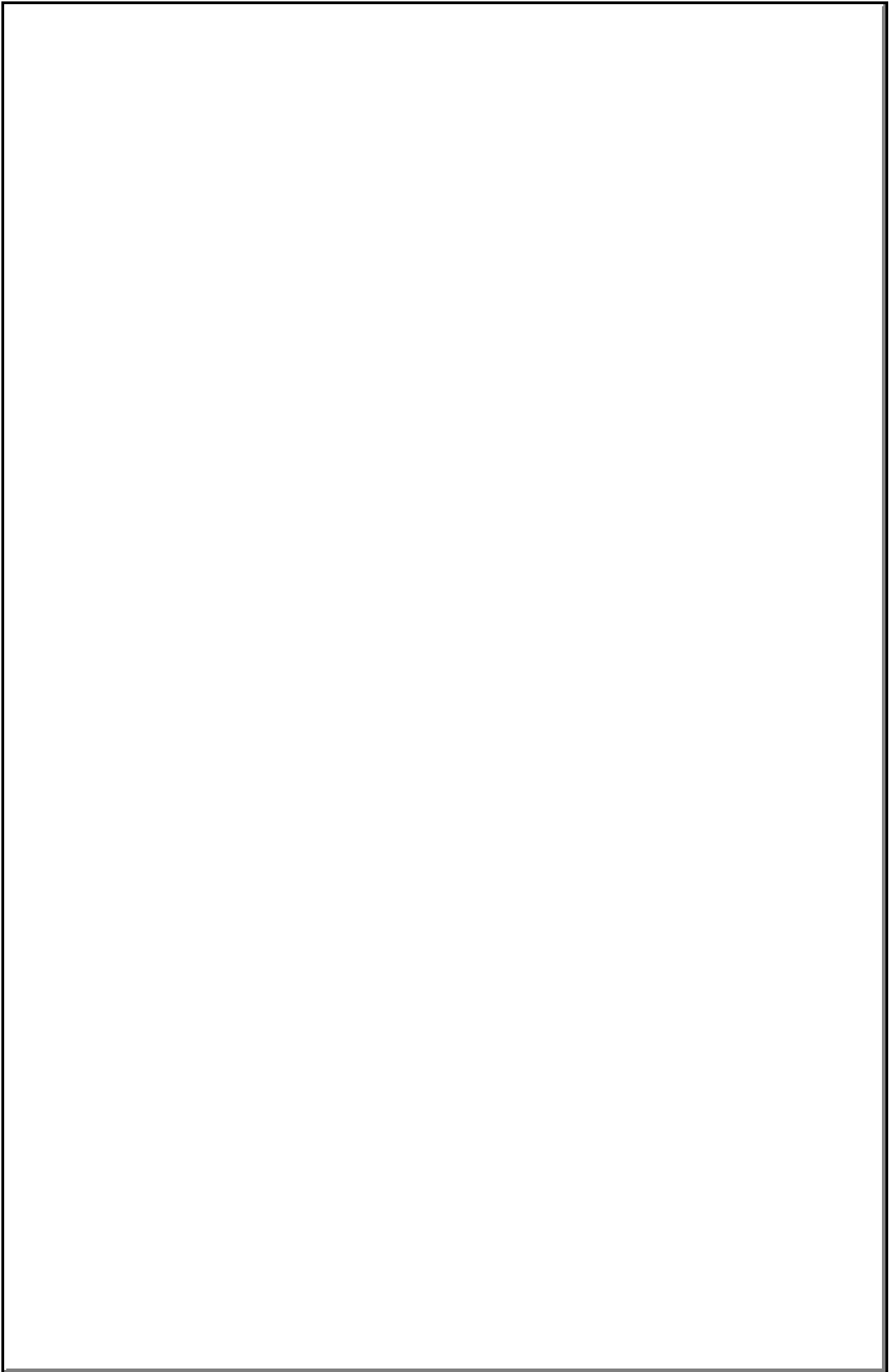
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THE INQUIRY'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

Operations of the Sydney Market Authority (Dissolution) Bill from Commencement until 31 December 1997

(Reference Received 23 June 1997)

- (1) The Committee of the Legislative Council established under the name of the "Standing Committee on State Development" is to monitor, and prepare a report on, the operation of this Act during the period from its commencement until 31 December 1997.
- (2) The report is to be tabled in the Legislative Council as soon as practicable after 31 December 1997.



CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

The Standing Committee on State Development received the reference for the *Sydney Market Authority (Dissolution) Act 1997* on 23 June 1997. On the same day the Committee received another reference which brought the total number of references before the Committee at that point to five. As a means of simultaneously addressing a number of its references, the Committee resolved to establish a sub-committee to consider the operation of the *Sydney Market Authority (Dissolution) Act 1997*. Based on the sub-committee's findings the Committee tabled this report.

In accordance with the Committee's terms of reference, monitoring of the Act's operation commenced on 1 November 1997 and report writing began shortly after 31 December 1997.

Chapter one of this report presents a background to the inquiry. Chapter two presents an outline of the legislative authority, operating mechanisms and policies of the Sydney Market Authority prior to its dissolution. Chapter three reflects the reasoning and processes behind the dissolution of the Sydney Market Authority and establishment of Sydney Markets Limited.

Chapter four reviews the impacts attributable to the operation of the *Sydney Market Authority (Dissolution) Act 1997* on stakeholders in the Sydney markets, giving particular attention to the concerns of casual stallholders.

In my capacity as chairman and on behalf of the Members of the Standing Committee on State Development I would like to thank the Committee's secretariat for their assistance with this inquiry. In particular the former Director, Mr Stewart Webster, who acted as Clerk to the Committee and oversaw the preparation of the report and Senior Project Officer, Steven Carr, who undertook the report writing. Special mention should also go to Committee Officers Annie Marshall, Charisa Lynne-Sanders and Matthew Scott for their assistance with the inquiry.

Finally, I would also wish to extend my gratitude for the time given by those who appeared before the Committee.

Hon. Tony Kelly, MLC
Chairman

