



## **INQUIRY INTO THE PROMOTION OF FALSE OR MISLEADING**

### **HEALTH-RELATED INFORMATION OR PRACTICES**

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

That the Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission inquire into and report on possible measures to address the promotion of unscientific health-related information or practices which may be detrimental to individual or public health. The Inquiry will focus on individuals who are not recognised health practitioners, and organisations that are not recognised health service providers. The Committee will have particular regard to:

- (a) The publication and/or dissemination of false or misleading health-related information that may cause general community mistrust of, or anxiety toward, accepted medical practice;
- (b) The publication and/or dissemination of information that encourages individuals or the public to unsafely refuse preventative health measures, medical treatments, or cures;
- (c) the promotion of health-related activities and/or provision of treatment that departs from accepted medical practice which may be harmful to individual or public health;
- (d) the adequacy of the powers of the Health Care Complaints Commission to investigate such organisations or individuals;
- (e) the capacity, appropriateness, and effectiveness of the Health Care Complaints Commission to take enforcement action against such organisations or individuals; and
- (f) any other related matter.