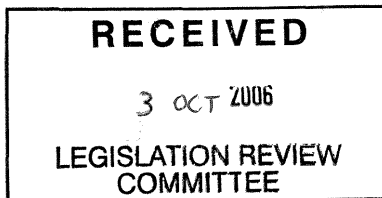



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Dear Mr Shearan 

SUBJECT: Discussion Paper on Strict and Absolute Liability Offences

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the Discussion Paper on *Strict and Absolute Liability Offences*.

The document includes a proposed set of guiding principles for considering whether Bills or Regulations that create offences of strict or absolute liability trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties.

The proposed guiding principles appear to provide a reasonable series of checks and balances to prevent any undue infringement of personal rights and freedoms. It does not appear that they would have a disproportionate impact on women, nor that they would infringe unduly on the personal rights of women.

Beyond these, I have no additional comments to make, but I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to consider the proposals.

Yours sincerely

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