



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### INQUIRY INTO THE *INEBRIATES ACT 1912*

That the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquire into and report on:

1. The *Inebriates Act 1912* and the provision of compulsory assessment and treatment under that Act;
2. The appropriateness and effectiveness of the Act in dealing with persons with severe alcohol and/or drug dependence who have not committed an offence and persons with such dependence who have committed offences;
3. The effectiveness of the Act in linking those persons to suitable treatment facilities and how those linkages might be improved if necessary;
4. Overseas and interstate models for compulsory treatment of persons with severe alcohol and/or drug dependence including in Sweden and Victoria;
5. Options for improving or replacing the Act with a focus on saving the lives of persons with severe alcohol and/or drug dependence and those close to them; and
6. Any other related matter.

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These terms of reference were referred to the Committee by the Attorney General, the Hon Bob Debus MP, on 23 September 2003.