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Legislative Council

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

INQUIRY INTO THE MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH PROPERTY TRUST BILL 2010

The Chair of General Purpose Standing Committee No 3, Mr John Ajaka MLC, has announced a new Inquiry into the Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010.

The Bill, which was introduced into the NSW Legislative Council in June 2010 by the Hon Rev'd Fred Nile MLC, seeks to establish a statutory corporation to hold property in trust for the Macedonian Orthodox Church. The Bill proposes to transfer four diocesan properties currently held in trust for the Church, to the corporation established by the Bill. An earlier bill, which also sought to establish a Macedonian Church Trust, was introduced into the NSW Parliament in 1998 but lapsed when the Parliament prorogued in February 1999.

According to Mr Ajaka, "The Inquiry will provide a valuable opportunity for members of the church community to express their views on the Bill and clarify the impact of the proposed legislation."

The Committee invites written submissions with a closing date of **Friday 30 July 2010** and will hold a public hearing on Monday 23 August 2010.

Members of the Committee are: the Chair, the Hon John Ajaka MLC (Liberal Party), the Deputy Chair, the Hon Lynda Voltz MLC (Australian Labor Party), the Hon Trevor Khan MLC (The Nationals), the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC (Australian Labor Party), Ms Lee Rhiannon MLC (The Greens), the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC (Australian Labor Party) and the Hon Revd Fred Nile MLC (Christian Democratic Party).

Information about the Inquiry, including how to make a submission and copies of the terms of reference, are available from the:

- Committee's Website – www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3
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