

In July 1990, the EARC published all of the public submissions it had received to date concerning the above issues papers in order to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on those submissions. Any correspondence in respect of the matter should be sent to:

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Whistleblower's protection

On 7 June 1990 the report of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review on Interim Measures for Whistleblower's Protection was tabled in the Queensland Parliament. The idea for the protection arose out of the Report of the Fitzgerald Royal Commission:

"There is an urgent need, however, for legislation which prohibits any person from penalising any other person for making accurate public statements about misconduct, inefficiency or other problems within public instrumentalities. Such measures have recently been made law in the United States of America by the Whistleblower Protection Act 1989".

The Committee recommended that interim measures be taken to protect these employees pending a complete review of the subject by the EARC.

Planning Appeals System Review - discussion paper

In January 1990 the then Attorney-General of Victoria, Mr Andrew McCutcheon MP, following the expression of community concerns about the effectiveness and efficiency of the AAT (Vic) as a merits review body for planning appeals, announced a review of the planning appeals system and called for interested parties to make submissions in writing. A discussion paper incorporating the substance of those submissions, drafted by Mr C Wren, was issued in May 1990. The paper is available from and any further comments can be made to:

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