## JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

# Inquiry into the development of a digital repository and electronic distribution of the Parliamentary Paper Series

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Electronic Parliamentary Papers Series Inquiry

Dear Ms. Blunden,

Re: inquiry into, and report on matters relating to the development of an electronic Parliamentary Papers Series (PPS).

State Library of Queensland received your letter dated 17 May 2010, in which you invited comment on the terms of reference for the inquiry. State Library of Queensland's comments follow.

Online availability of documents tabled in parliament.

State Library of Queensland would like to be able to access an electronic parliamentary papers series from a single website, e.g. Australian Parliament House website, or at publications.gov.au. This would ensure that tabled publications are always available. There is no guarantee that a government agency's publications will remain archived on their website, and problems arise when government departments change, amalgamate, or disappear.

Short and long-term access to documents included in the PPS

There is a need for long-term electronic access to the PPS from an archived collection, and this access needs to be freely available to all people from a single website.

#### Technological barriers

It would be useful if the PPS could be available in both html and PDF formats. The html documents seem to load more easily and have fewer problems, and PDF could be useful for clients who need to see the exact format of the original publication. If the PPS is made available electronically in full text, the technology would need to be able to support an archived and expanding collection. It is also important that access be free, with no cost constraints at all, and no password requirements.

Options for a digital repository and electronic distribution

State Library of Queensland would like to see a digital repository for the PPS, e.g. APH, or publications.gov.au, with searchable and full text access. SLQ does not see the need for electronic distribution as per the LDS as long as it is possible to access the PPS from a single website.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for this enquiry.

Regards

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