

# CHAPTER 1

## CONDUCT OF THE INQUIRY

1.1 On 5 April 2001 the Senate referred the following matter to the Committee for inquiry and report by 18 May 2001:

The provisions of:

- (a) the *Corporations (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2001* (NSW); and
- (b) the Corporations Bill 2001 and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Bill 2001.

1.2 The Committee advertised the terms of reference of its inquiry and received four submissions, listed at Attachment A.

1.3 The Committee held a public hearing on the inquiry in Melbourne on Friday, 27 April 2001. Attachment B lists the witnesses who appeared before the Committee.

1.4 All submissions and the Hansard transcripts of the public hearings appear on the Committee's website at [www.aph.gov.au/corps\\_securities](http://www.aph.gov.au/corps_securities). Hard copies are available from the Committee staff on [corporations.joint@aph.gov.au](mailto:corporations.joint@aph.gov.au), telephone (02) 6277 3580 or facsimile (02) 6277 5809.

1.5 The Committee thanks the individuals and organisations who made submissions or who appeared as witnesses, all of whom did so at short notice. The Committee is grateful for this assistance.

