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**Inquiry into the Telstra (Full Transition to Private
Ownership) Bill 2005 and related bills**

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What follows hardly qualifies as a submission, but the Committee members may wish to consider these as informal comments.

1 I have read the five Bills and Explanatory Memoranda and the Committee's Terms of Reference.

2 Some of the Bills and Terms of reference concern matters which, in general terms, are not matters for the TIO, e.g. privatisation, competition issues such as the access regime and operational separation of Telstra.

3 I have confined my comments, therefore to those provisions which relate to or are of interest to the TIO.

4 Telstra Legislation Amendment (Future Proofing and Other Measures) Bill 2005:

Independent Reviews of Regional Telecommunications and the Role of the RTIRC

I support the role of the RTIRC.

The TIO would co-operate in relation to any consultation under proposed section 158Q(7)(d) of the T(CP&SS)Act, 1999.

The RTIRC should be able to seek information from the TIO. I am not sure whether this could be achieved by adding the TIO to those agencies mentioned in proposed section 158ZD. That provision is an empowering or enabling provision relating to Commonwealth agencies, whereas the TIO is a private body.

Costs of Development Of Industry Codes.

I support these proposals which should put such funding on a firm and equitable footing.

Regards,

John Pinnock