RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

- 1.34 The committee recommends that the Bill be passed subject to a commitment from the government to:
 - thoroughly consider all concerns brought to the government's attention about the Bill until 30 September 2009, including the concerns raised in the submissions to this inquiry;
 - provide greater transparency by making public its response to the concerns raised and by providing as much information as possible to stakeholders about policy considerations and choices. This could be done using the department's website; and
 - include in a consequential amendments bill to be debated in the Senate cognately with this Bill and intended to take effect immediately after the commencement of the 2009 Bill all changes to the Bill identified as a result of concerns raised with this committee and subsequently directly with the department during the recommended further period of consultation until 30 September 2009.

Recommendation 2

1.64 That subject to the foregoing recommendation, the Bill be supported.