

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

On 9 December 2000 the Senate referred the following matters to the Committee for inquiry and report by the end of the second sitting week in April 2000 (subsequently extended to 7 June 2000):

- (a) whether the finding of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) that the *Native Title Amendment Act 1998* is inconsistent with Australia's international legal obligations, in particular, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, is sustainable on the weight of informed opinion;
- (b) what amendments are required to the Act, and what processes of consultation must be followed in effecting those amendments, to ensure that Australia's international obligations are complied with; and
- (c) whether dialogue with the CERD on the Act would assist in establishing a better-informed basis for amendment to the Act.