

THE OMBUDSMEN RULES 1989

PURSUANT to section 15 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975, the House of Representatives, on the 9th day of March 1989, made the following rules for the guidance of the Ombudsmen in the exercise of their functions.

RULES

1. Title and commencement—(1) These rules may be cited as the Ombudsmen Rules 1989.

(2) These rules shall come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Power to publish reports—(1) An Ombudsman may from time to time in the public interest, or in the interests of any person or Department or organisation, publish—

(a) Reports relating generally to the exercise of an Ombudsman's functions under—

(i) The Ombudsmen Act 1975; or

(ii) The Official Information Act 1982; or

(iii) The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987; or

(b) Reports relating to any particular case or cases investigated by an Ombudsman.

(2) A report may be published pursuant to subclause (1) of this rule whether or not the matters to be dealt with in the report have been the subject of a report to the House of Representatives under the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

3. Revocation—The Ombudsman's Rules 1962* are hereby revoked.

D. G. McGEE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the rules, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These rules, which replace the Ombudsman's Rules 1962, are consequential on amendments made to the Ombudsmen Act 1975 by the Official Information Act 1982 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

These rules are new to the extent that they confer on an Ombudsman express power to publish reports relating generally to an Ombudsman's functions under the Official Information Act 1982 or the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936 and section 15 (3) of the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

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