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INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

**Inquiry into Auditor-General's Report No. 3 of 2008:
Records Management in ACT Government Agencies**

The ACT Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Public Accounts is currently conducting an inquiry into Auditor-General's Report No. 3 of 2008: Records Management in ACT Government Agencies. The inquiry will consider the findings of an Auditor-General's Report that reviewed compliance with records management requirements in selected ACT Government agencies. The full version of the report is available online at: <http://www.audit.act.gov.au/reports2008.html>.

As noted by the Auditor-General in her report, good records management is a fundamental element of good governance, in particular with respect to transparency and accountability. Good recordkeeping supports efficiency and accountability through the creation, management and retention of meaningful, accurate, reliable, accessible and durable records of government activities and decisions.

While the terms of reference for the inquiry will be all the information contained within the report, the Committee's inquiry will particularly focus on the importance of good records management practices as a way of ensuring transparency and accountability in Government.

The Committee is inviting written submissions to its inquiry from interested organisations and individuals.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 26 March 2010.

The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically. All submissions, including those sent electronically, must include a postal address and telephone contact number.

Once the Committee receives a submission it becomes the property of the Committee and must not be published, or otherwise circulated, until it is authorised for publication. Once authorised, the submission is posted on the Legislative Assembly website and is made publicly available. This process is completed as soon as possible.

If you would like your evidence to remain confidential, please contact the Committee Secretary to discuss the matter, or advice to that effect should be included in the covering letter to the submission. Committees will consider all requests for confidentiality. However, it is ultimately the Committee's decision to confer confidentiality on a submission. While a Committee may agree to a submission or evidence being classified as confidential in the first instance, a Committee can publish that evidence at a later date. Committees will generally advise or consult with affected parties prior to doing so.

Submissions should be forwarded to:

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