

Terms of Reference

Review of Religious and Certain other Community Organisation Acts

1. I, JARROD BLEIJIE, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, having regard to the desirability of:
 - repealing obsolete and unnecessary enactments;
 - reducing the number of separate enactments; and
 - generally simplifying and modernising the law, including removal of superfluous provisions where laws of general application may apply;refer to the Queensland Law Reform Commission, for review pursuant to section 10 of the *Law Reform Commission Act 1968*, the Acts mentioned in the schedule to these terms of reference relating to the establishment and management of various church and community organisations in Queensland.
2. The Commission is requested to recommend whether:
 - (a) any of the Acts are obsolete and can be repealed;
 - (b) any of the Acts still required can be consolidated to reduce the number of separate Acts;
 - (c) the drafting of any of the Acts still required can be simplified and modernised; and
 - (d) particular provisions of the Acts can be repealed or can refer to laws of general application, such as the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* and the *Trusts Act 1973*.
3. In performing its functions under this reference, the Commission is to undertake consultation with the relevant churches and other entities and with any relevant government departments or agencies.
4. The Commission is to report to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice by 31 December 2013.

Schedule
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All Saints Church Lands Act 1924
All Saints Church Lands Act 1960
Anglican Church of Australia (Diocese of Brisbane) Property Act 1889
Anglican Church of Australia Act 1895
Anglican Church of Australia Act 1895 Amendment Act 1901
Anglican Church of Australia Constitution Act 1961
Anglican Church of Australia Act 1977
Ann Street Presbyterian Church Act 1889
Bishopsbourne Estate and See Endowment Trusts Act 1898
Boonah Show Ground Act 1914
Chinese Temple Society Act 1964
Churches of Christ, Scientist, Incorporation Act 1964
Guides Queensland Act 1970
Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1900
Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1971
Queensland Congregational Union Act 1967
Queensland Temperance League Lands Act 1985
Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Act 1956
Roman Catholic Relief Act 1830
Roman Catholic Church (Northern Lands) Vesting Act 1941
Roman Catholic Church (Corporation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Diocese of Cairns) Lands Vesting Act 1945
Roman Catholic Church Lands Act 1985
Roman Catholic Church (Incorporation of Church Entities) Act 1994
Salvation Army (Queensland) Property Trust Act 1930
Scout Association of Australia Queensland Branch Act 1975
Uniting Church in Australia Act 1977
United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland Trustees Act 1942
Wesleyan Methodists, Independents, and Baptists Churches Act 1838
Wesleyan Methodist Trust Property Act 1853