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The Parliament of Victoria enacts:

1 Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to make provision for the publication of a Report of the Bushfires Royal Commission.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into operation on the day after the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

3 Definitions

In this Act—

Bushfires Inquiry means the inquiry conducted by the Commissioners in accordance with the Letters Patent;

Commissioners means the Commissioners appointed under section 88B of the Constitution Act 1975 by the Letters Patent;

Letters Patent means Letters Patent dated 16 February 2009, a copy of which was published in the Government Gazette on that date, as amended from time to time.

4 Publication of Report

(1) On the receipt by the Governor of a copy of a Report from the Commissioners of the results of the Bushfires Inquiry and their recommendations, the Minister must—
(a) give a copy of the Report to the clerk of each House of the Parliament; and

(b) cause the Report to be published by the Government Printer.

(2) A copy of the Report given to the clerk of a House of the Parliament under subsection (1)(a)—

(a) is deemed to have been ordered by the House to be printed; and

(b) as published must be tabled in the House on the next sitting day of the House.

(3) If a Report is received by the clerk of a House of the Parliament under subsection (1)(a), the clerk must—

(a) as soon as practicable after the Report is received, notify each member of the House of the receipt of the Report and advise that the Report is available upon request; and

(b) give a copy of the Report to any member of the House upon request to the clerk.

(4) The publication of a Report in accordance with this section is absolutely privileged and the provisions of sections 73 and 74 of the Constitution Act 1975 and of any other enactment or rule of law relating to the publication of the proceedings of the Parliament apply to and in relation to the publication of the Report as if it were a report to which those sections applied and had been published by the Government Printer under the authority of the Parliament.
ENDNOTES

1. General Information

Minister's second reading speech—

Legislative Assembly: 12 March 2009

Legislative Council: 2 April 2009

The long title for the Bill for this Act was "A Bill for an Act to make provision for the publication of a Report of the Bushfires Royal Commission and for other purposes."

The Bushfires Royal Commission (Report) Act 2009 was assented to on 10 June 2009 and came into operation on 11 June 2009: section 2.
2. Table of Amendments

There are no amendments made to the Bushfires Royal Commission (Report) Act 2009 by Acts and subordinate instruments.
3. **Explanatory Details**

   No entries at date of publication.