constitution commission victoria

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Dear Mr Anderson,

The Constitution Commission Victoria was established on 19 March 2001. Chairperson Professor, the Hon George Hampel QC and his fellow Commissioners, Hon Ian Macphee AO and Hon Alan Hunt AM have been appointed to make recommendations within the Commission's Terms of Reference about possible improvements to the governance of Victoria.

The Commission will consider the structure, powers and workings of the Legislative Council, the number and the method of election its members and its relationship with the Legislative Assembly.

The Commission has prepared the attached Discussion Paper to generate discussion and debate and to assist it in its consultations with the Victorian community.

The Commission wants to consult widely with community groups, business and interest groups and individuals. The Commission will hold seminars in Melbourne in August and September 2001 and conduct public consultations throughout Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne in October and November 2001.

The details of the seminars and the consultation sessions can be found on the Commission's website at www.constitution.vic.gov.au. The site contains an online library, links to other relevant sites and other information about the Commission's work. A copy of this Discussion Paper is available on the website.

The Commission is seeking submissions on the issues discussed in the attached Discussion Paper and any other matters relevant to its Terms of Reference, which are set out in the paper. Submissions should be addressed to:

The Executive Director
Constitution Commission Victoria
Level 5, Shell House
1 Spring Street
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Submissions should be received by **30 November 2001** but can be lodged at any time. Submissions can also be sent electronically to the Commission at mail@constitution.vic.gov.au. All submissions made to the Commission will be treated as public documents and will be made available to all members of the Victorian community on the Commission's website.

All members of the Victorian community are encouraged to contribute to the work of the Commission.

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