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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Ms Kerrie Tucker)

Bushfire Inquiry (Protection of Statements) Amendment Bill 2003 (No 2)

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Bushfire Inquiry (Protection of Statements) Act 2003*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 **1 Name of Act**

2 This Act is the *Bushfire Inquiry (Protection of Statements)*
3 *Amendment Act 2003 (No 2)*.

4 **2 Commencement**

5 This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

6 *Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on
7 the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)).

8 **3 Act amended**

9 This Act amends the *Bushfire Inquiry (Protection of Statements) Act*
10 *2003*.

11 **4 Protection of statements to inquiry**
12 **New section 4 (3A), (3B) and (3C)**

13 *insert*

14 (3A) The Territory, the Chief Minister, Mr McLeod, or a person acting
15 under the direction of the Chief Minister or Mr McLeod, is not
16 civilly liable for anything done honestly in relation to the
17 preparation or making public of the report.

18 (3B) A person is not civilly liable for publishing honestly—

19 (a) the report, or a fair copy of the report, as made public; or

20 (b) a fair summary of, or a fair extract from, the report as made
21 public.

22 (3C) This section does not deprive a person of any defence the person
23 might have relied on apart from this section.

- 1 **5 Section 4**
- 2 *renumber subsections when Act next republished under the*
- 3 *Legislation Act*
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Endnote

Republications of amended laws

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