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Victorian FOI Act Amendments Commence

Some important amendments to the Victorian *Freedom of Information Act* 1982 commenced operation on 7 June 2006. The amendments were made with little fanfare or announcement.

Those amendments include:

- ? Amendment of the definition of “document”;
- ? Allowing deletion of “irrelevant material” from documents requested;
- ? Changing what must be included in a statement of reasons;
- ? A general guide as to how exemptions are to be interpreted;
- ? Change to the Cabinet documents exemption;
- ? Addition to the national security and defence exemption;

The amendments were introduced by the *Terrorism (Community Protection) (Further Amendment) Act* 2006.

If you require any further information in relation to these amendments, or if you require assistance in relation to any FOI matters in general, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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