

Chapter 3

Course of the Inquiry

3.01 On 29 August 1992, the Committee advertised its terms of reference and invited written submissions by 26 October 1992. In all, the Committee received thirty-six submissions, including a number after that date. A list of submitters appears in Appendix A. In late January 1993, the Committee's Secretary wrote to all submitters inviting them to attend a Public Hearing in Sydney on 12 March 1993. The Public Hearing was subsequently postponed until 7 May 1993. It was held at the State Library of New South Wales. A list of individuals and organisations who made oral submissions at the Public Hearing appears in Appendix B. A transcript of the Public Hearing is available.

3.02 On 6 May 1993, the Committee and other invited persons inspected the premises of Media Monitors Australia (a press-clipping service) at Surry Hills. Later that day, the Committee inspected the premises of MarkeTrak Pty Ltd (another press-clipping service), East Sydney, and John Fairfax Holdings Ltd, Broadway. At John Fairfax, the Committee viewed the production of the *Sydney Morning Herald*. At each inspection representatives from the organisation gave a brief presentation and explained their operations. Dr Ian Reinecke, Director, Centre for Information Technology Research, University of Wollongong, also attended these inspections and the Committee's meeting that day. A list of persons who attended these inspections appears in Appendix C. An edited transcript of the presentations at Media Monitors Australia and at the *Sydney Morning Herald* is available.

3.03 On 17 and 18 November 1993, the Committee discussed a draft of this Report. On 17 November 1993, the Committee, at the request of the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance (the MEAA), accompanied by representatives of John Fairfax Holdings Ltd and the MEAA, inspected the Editorial floor of the *Australian Financial Review* as an alternative to that of the *Sydney Morning Herald*. On 18 November 1993, the Committee inspected the premises of the Copyright Agency Limited. Lists of persons who attended these inspections appear in Appendices D and E respectively.