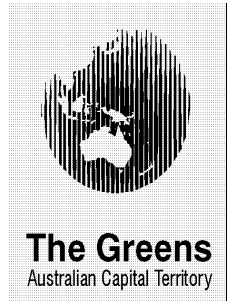


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## LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005

# Bill for Consultation

ACT Greens MLA Deb Foskey today introduced a Bill that will ensure all Bills in future are presented to the Assembly with an Explanatory Statement, and that those Statements include a report on any consultation that has been conducted in their development.

“A report on consultation can ensure that the process of politics doesn’t remain hidden, and stakeholders left out of the loop can be brought back in” Dr Foskey said today.

“I know that experts in legal scrutiny (as well as community organizations affected by proposed legislation) would like to know who has been consulted in the development of bill, and the results of that consultation. The ACT Cabinet handbook already requires agencies to send a fairly comprehensive report on consultation with each bill that goes to cabinet”.

“I’m not even asking for that much. This Bill is simply a first step, and requires a report on what consultation has been undertaken.”

“The Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 will also make Explanatory Statements (ES) mandatory. An ES provides an explanation of the intention of the bill. The Opposition in particular has fallen into the habit of not doing the extra work needed to make their intentions clear to other members and the community” Dr Foskey said.

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