



Australian Government
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OPC Client Advisers

1 OPC Client Advisers are Parliamentary Counsel from whom client agencies can obtain quick, informal advice about matters in which OPC has expertise that may not be readily available in an agency, including the following:

- (a) options for legislative approaches;
- (b) matters necessary, desirable or acceptable for inclusion in Bills or instruments;
- (c) options for improving the standard of instruments and managing the sunset of legislative instruments;
- (d) the form of drafting instructions.

2 For Bills and legislative instruments for consideration by the Governor-General in Council, OPC is also able to provide in-depth advice early in development of legislative proposals in special cases. However, this is where this would be of particular value and is not a substitute for the development, maintenance and use of legislative expertise within agencies. Client advisers do not necessarily end up drafting the Bill or instrument for the clients they advise because drafting resources are allocated at the time of instructions.

3 OPC Instrument Client Advisers can also be contacted for information in relation to OPC's legislative drafting and publishing services. In addition to OPC's budget-funded drafting work on Bills, regulations, proclamations, rules of court and Territory legislation, OPC also provides specialist services on a fee-for-service basis. These services include instrument development and drafting, instrument design, instrument preparation (including formatting instruments for remaking and compiling amended legislative instruments), editorial, training and research services.

4 To obtain advice from OPC Client Advisers, please contact the relevant Parliamentary Counsel listed below. If the Client Adviser is unavailable, please contact Peter Quiggin (ph: 6120 1405).

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