



Australian Government

Advisory Council on Intellectual Property

## Public Inquiry

### What subject matter should be patentable?

**The Advisory Council on Intellectual Property (ACIP) seeks expressions of interest from individuals and organisations to take part in a review of patentable subject matter.**

Please contact the **ACIP Secretariat** to register your interest.

#### **Terms of Reference:**

*To inquire, report and make recommendations to the Australian Government on patentable subject matter. The review will include the appropriateness and adequacy of the 'manner of manufacture' test as the threshold requirement for patentable subject matter under Australian law, and the historical requirement that an invention must not be 'generally inconvenient.'*

#### **Background to the Review:**

ACIP is an independent body appointed by the Australian Government to advise the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, on matters relating to intellectual property policy and the strategic administration of IP Australia which is the Commonwealth body that administers patent, trade mark, design and plant breeder's rights.

ACIP expects to circulate an **Issues Paper** in **July** with a request for **written submissions** by **September**.

ACIP expects to hold consultations in late 2008. Interested parties may wish to be involved in some, or all, of these activities.

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