A REVIEW ON SECTION 8(1) OF PARK BY-LAWS (FEDERAL TERRITORY) 1981

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ABSTRACT

This research which entitled A Review on Section 8(1) Park By-Laws (Federal Territories) Act 1981 (hereinafter to be referred as "the By-laws" had been conducted upon realizing the fact that there is a need to look into the weaknesses in the said by-laws and came out with possible solutions subsequently. The early stage of conducting this research commenced with the submission of the research proposal on July 2007.

The research had been carried out by looking into Section 8(1) of the By-laws, where it is an offence for anyone who acting in indecent behaviour. The problem comes in when the word of "indecent behaviour" had not been defined elsewhere in the By-laws, which renders the said specific section to be a catch-all provision. The discussion on the meaning of "indecent behaviour" inevitably required us to discuss on the jurisprudential view on morality.

At the end of this review, it can be concluded that the word "indecent behaviour" requires a thorough study, apart from taking into consideration that Malaysia is a multicultural and multi religious country with citizens from a different walks of life living in. this is crucial in order the legislation bodies to enact such By-laws to curb indecent behaviours without infringing the freedom of rights as enshrined in the Malaysian Federal Constitution.

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