



## **Inquiry into the impact of the regulatory framework for cannabis in New South Wales**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. That Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance inquire into and report on the impact of the regulatory framework for cannabis in New South Wales, including:
  - (a) the historical development and implementation of the regulatory framework for cannabis
  - (b) the socioeconomic impact of the current regulatory framework for cannabis
  - (c) the historical, current and future financial cost of cannabis prohibition to the Government and the economy
  - (d) the impact of the current regulatory framework for cannabis on young people, the health system, personal health, employment, road safety, crime and the criminal justice system
  - (e) the impact of the regulatory framework for cannabis on Aboriginal, LGBTIQ+, regional, multicultural and lower socioeconomic communities
  - (f) alternative approaches to the regulatory framework for cannabis in other jurisdictions
  - (g) the provisions of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Amendment (Regulation of Personal Adult Use of Cannabis) Bill 2023, and
  - (h) any other related matters.
2. That the committee report by 26 September 2024.

The terms of reference for the inquiry were referred to the committee by the Legislative Council on 20 March 2024.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Committee membership**

<b>Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC</b>	Legalise Cannabis Party	<i>Chair</i>
<b>Hon Robert Borsak MLC</b>	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC*</b>	The Greens	
<b>Hon Dr Sarah Kaine MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>Hon Stephen Lawrence MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC*</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>Hon Jacqui Munro MLC*</b>	Liberal Party	

<sup>1</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 March 2024, p 1017.

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<b>Hon Cameron Murphy MLC*</b>	Australian Labor Party
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<b>Hon John Ruddick MLC*</b>	Libertarian Party
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- \* Ms Cate Fachrmann MLC is a participating member from 22 March 2024 for the duration of the inquiry.
- \* The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC substituted for the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC from 28 March 2024 for the duration of the inquiry.
- \* The Hon Jacqui Munro MLC substituted for the Hon Chris Rath MLC from 27 March 2024 for the duration of the inquiry.
- \* The Hon John Ruddick MLC is a participating member from 25 March 2024 for the duration of the inquiry.
- \* The Hon Cameron Murphy MLC substituted for the Hon Bob Nanva MLC from 2 August 2024 for the duration of the inquiry.