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COMMITTEE REVIEWS VALUER GENERAL'S ACTIVITIES

The NSW Joint Committee on the Office of the Valuer General released its Third General Meeting Report yesterday outlining a review of the NSW Valuer General operations and activities.

The Committee was established in late 2003 and is responsible for reviewing the valuation methodologies and contracting of valuation services, all of which are managed by the NSW Valuer General.

Land valuations determined by the Valuer General are used as the basis for determining council rates and the application of land tax in NSW.

The Committee's role is to put checks and balances in place to keep the system operating in an open and transparent manner and the Report outlines various new tools and systems established by the Valuer General.

The Third General Meeting Report focuses on improvements that are underway to objection processing, contractor management and public information provision. The Report also highlights the Committee's role in oversighting the implementation of recommendations made by the NSW Ombudsman in late 2005 which canvassed various procedural and qualitative changes to the Valuer General's management systems.

The membership of the Committee comprises of Chair Ms Kayee Griffin MLC, Mr Charlie Lynn MLC, Mr Steven Pringle MP, Mr Allan Shearan MP and Mr Richard Torbay MP.

The Committee's Report was tabled in the NSW Parliament today. Copies are available online from the Committee's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au or ph 9230 3054

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