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Report tabled: Inquiry into the operation of the *Legislation Review Act 1987*

The Joint Legislation Review Committee has tabled its report into the operation of the *Legislation Review Act 1987*, Committee Chair Felicity Wilson MP announced today.

"The Committee's inquiry into the operation of the Legislation Review Act has provided an opportunity to reflect on the remit and operation of the Committee, and to discuss how the Committee's scrutiny function might be enhanced," Ms Wilson said.

The Committee has made four recommendations and one finding aimed at addressing some of the issues raised during the inquiry.

While inquiry participants proposed that the Act be amended to define the personal rights and liberties that the Committee is to consider a Bill or Regulation against, the Committee determined that the current wording is sufficiently broad to provide the Committee flexibility in applying this phrase to the Committee's work.

However, to assist with clarity and transparency, the Committee found it would assist the scrutiny process for the Committee to publish the right and liberties it will examine bills and regulations against and inform the Parliament of these at the start of each session.

The remaining four recommendations in the report focus on enhancing the consideration of personal rights and liberties during the debate on bills in the Parliament and raises for consideration the establishment of a separate committee to examine subordinate legislation.

"The finding and recommendations in this report will aid the scrutiny of bills and regulations in New South Wales while also respecting parliamentary processes," Ms Wilson said.

The report is on the [Committee's webpage](#).