

14 SELECT COMMITTEE INTO THE RESPONSE TO MAJOR FLOODING ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES IN 2022 (Formal Business)

Mr Secord moved, as formal business:

- (1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the response to major flooding across New South Wales in 2022, and in particular:
 - (a) the preparation, coordination and response to the Western Sydney and North Coast floods by the Government,
 - (b) the role, composition and resource allocations of Resilience NSW, the NSW State Emergency Service and other relevant Government agencies,
 - (c) coordination between the New South Wales Government, New South Wales Government departments and agencies, the Federal Government, Federal Government departments and agencies, local governments, private sector operators and the community, including requests or offers of assistance,
 - (d) public communication, systems and strategies,
 - (e) the implementation of recommendations from inquiries into previous natural disasters,
 - (f) the overall effectiveness of the flood response, and
 - (g) any other related matter.
- (2) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of seven members comprising:
 - (a) two government members,
 - (b) two opposition members, being Ms Sharpe and Mr Secord, and
 - (c) three crossbench members, being Mr Banasiak, Ms Faehrmann and Mr Roberts.
- (3) That the Chair of the committee be Mr Secord and the Deputy Chair be Mr Banasiak.
- (4) That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
 - (a) submissions to the inquiry are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
 - (c) community members be given the opportunity to provide verbal evidence in the absence of a written submission,
 - (d) the inquiry is to hold at least one day of public hearings in Western Sydney and at least two days of public hearings in the Northern Rivers region,

- (e) hearings may also be held at Parliament House,
 - (f) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between government, opposition and crossbench members, in order determined by the committee, with equal time allocated to each,
 - (g) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
 - (h) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness,
 - (i) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and
 - (j) the Chair may make arrangements for the committee to visit and inspect sites relevant to the work of the committee, provided that the owner and/or occupier of the site, as the case requires, has given any necessary permission.
- (5) That the committee begin its inquiry after 10 April 2022 and report by 9 August 2022.

Question put and passed.