

**3 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WATER TRADING IN NEW SOUTH WALES  
(Formal Business)**

Mr Borsak by leave, amended private members' business item no. 1681 by omitting "Ms Sharpe" and instead inserting "Ms Jackson".

Mr Borsak moved, as formal business, as by leave amended:

- (1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the status of water trading in New South Wales, and in particular:
  - (a) the origins of the water trading market, its purpose, regulation and abuse,
  - (b) market practices and effects, including playing the market, cornering the market and fixing the market,
  - (c) the effectiveness of water registration and disclosure in New South Wales,
  - (d) the effects of water trading on the economy, communities and the environment, and
  - (e) any other related matter.
- (2) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of eight members comprising:
  - (a) three government members, being Mr Amato, Mr Poulos and Mr Fang,
  - (b) three opposition members, being Mr Buttigieg, Ms Jackson and Mr Veitch, and
  - (c) two crossbench members, being Mr Borsak and Ms Faehrmann.
- (3) That the Chair of the committee be Mr Borsak and the Deputy Chair be Ms Faehrmann.
- (4) That, unless the committee decides otherwise:

- (a) submissions to inquiries 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) 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,
  - (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
  - (e) 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, and
  - (f) 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.
- (5) That the committee report by 30 November 2022.

Question put and passed.