



## **SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPETITION REFORMS IN ELECTRONIC CONVEYANCING**

- (1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on competition reforms in electronic conveyancing in New South Wales, and in particular:
  - (a) the impact of outages on property settlements, including home buyers and small businesses
  - (b) current pricing and opportunities to drive competition via pricing action
  - (c) New South Wales' commitment to deliver interoperability to the market by December 2025, including the status of the reform, the process for execution and the transparency of progress
  - (d) the Registrar General's enforcement powers under the NSW Electronic Conveyancing Enforcement Act 2022 to compel electronic lodgement network operators to comply with the reform
  - (e) the recommendations of the NSW Productivity and Equality Commission's June 2024 eConveyancing Market Study
  - (f) the relationship between the banks and the monopoly network, and
  - (g) any other related matter.
- (2) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of nine members comprising:
  - (a) three Government members
  - (b) three Opposition members, and
  - (c) three crossbench members, being Mr Banasiak, Ms Boyd and Mr Martin.
- (3) That the Chair of the committee be Mr Martin and the Deputy Chair be elected by the committee at its first meeting.
- (4) That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
  - (a) all inquiries are to be advertised via social media, stakeholder emails and a media release distributed to all media outlets in New South Wales
  - (b) 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
  - (c) attachments to submissions are to remain confidential

- (d) 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
- (e) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings alternate between Opposition, crossbench and Government members, in that order, with equal time allocated to each
- (f) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published
- (g) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two business days 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
- (h) 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
- (i) media statements on behalf of the committee are to be made only by the Chair.

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