



## **Inquiry into the governance of NSW universities**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

That the General Purpose Standing Committee No 2 inquire into and report on the current state of governance of NSW universities and in particular:

1. Any apparent lack of clarity in the roles of governing bodies and Vice-Chancellors and the consequential opportunities for conflict,
2. Any apparent lack of clarity in the delineation of duties of governing bodies and the Chancellors,
3. Identification of the roles and responsibilities of the Vice-Chancellor, the governing body and the Chancellor in relation to the formation of University policy and grievance procedures, and the communication of such policies to the student body
4. The appropriateness of changes in the duties and responsibilities of governing body members,
5. Opportunities for governing bodies and chancellors to intervene in the responsibilities that more properly lie with the Vice-Chancellor as Chief Executive Officer,
6. Current and possible future mechanisms for reviewing the performance of chancellors and governing body members in discharging their responsibilities,
7. Protocols for addressing poor performance of chancellors and governing body members,
8. The representation on governing bodies, and their committees, of staff and students and the current and appropriate balance between external members and elected representatives, and
9. Proposals for changes to the various acts governing NSW universities and to the National Higher Education Governance Protocols to address any systemic causes found.
10. Any other related matter

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