



Inquiry into issues relating to the Cross City Tunnel

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 inquire into and report on:

1. The role of the NSW Government, departments and agencies, particularly Premier's Department, Treasury, Department of Planning and the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA), in relation to the Cross City Tunnel (CCT) project, including:
 - a) *Methodologies used to select the preferred tenderer and awarding of the contract;*
 - b) *The transparency of contract negotiation and implementation methods and processes, including identification of any conflict of interest situations;*
 - c) *The communication and accountability mechanisms between the RTA and the Government, including the Premier, other Ministers or their staff and the former Premier or former Ministers or their staff;*
 - d) *The role of the RTA in commissioning and managing road contracts with the private sector and whether this particular Public Private Partnership (PPP) served the public interest; and*
2. Any other matters incidental to the above terms of reference.

(Self-referred, Thursday 10 November 2005)