



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE

Inquiry into adoption by same sex couples

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That the Standing Committee on Law and Justice inquire into and report on law reform issues regarding whether NSW adoption laws should be amended to allow same sex couples to adopt, with particular reference to:

- a. ascertaining whether adoption by same sex couples would further the objectives of the *Adoption Act 2000*
- b. the experience in other Australian and overseas jurisdictions that allow the adoption of children by same sex couples
- c. whether there is scope within the existing programs (local and international) for same sex couples to be able to adopt
- d. examining the implications of adoption by same sex couples for children, and
- e. if adoption by same sex couples will promote the welfare of children, then examining what legislative changes are required.

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