



**Inquiry into the impact of Port of Newcastle sale arrangements
on public works expenditure in New South Wales**

Terms of reference

1. That the Public Works committee inquire into and report on the impact of Port of Newcastle sale arrangements on public works expenditure in New South Wales, including:
 - (a) The extent to which limitations on container port operations currently in place following the sale of the Port of Newcastle contribute to increased pressure for transport and freight infrastructure in New South Wales, specifically:
 - (i) the Westconnex Gateway project
 - (ii) the Port Botany Rail Line duplication
 - (iii) intermodal terminals and rail road connections in southwest and western Sydney
 - (iv) other additional public road infrastructure requirements due to the additional road freight movements in Sydney under the existing port strategy.
 - (b) The nature and status of the port commitment deeds, the extent to which they contain limitations on container port movements, and the terms and binding nature of any such commitments.
 - (c) The extent to which container port limitations contribute to additional costs for NSW industries who are importing or exporting from New South Wales, especially in the Port of Newcastle catchment.
 - (d) Any other related matters.
2. That the committee report by 28 February 2019.

Committee membership

The Hon Robert Brown MLC	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers	<i>Chair</i>
Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	The Greens	
The Hon John Graham MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Trevor Khan MLC	The Nationals	
The Hon Scot MacDonald MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Taylor Martin MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Lynda Voltz MLC	Australian Labor Party	