



## **Inquiry into the health impacts of exposure to poor levels of air quality resulting from bushfires and drought**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

That Portfolio Committee No. 2 - Health inquire into and report on:

1. The health impacts of exposure to poor levels of air quality resulting from bushfires and drought including:
  - (a) the impact of at-risk groups including children, pregnant women, people with asthma and other respiratory-related illnesses, the elderly and other high-risk groups as well as vulnerable companion animals;
  - (b) the impact on people who are exposed to poor outdoor air quality in the workplace;
  - (c) the long-term impacts of exposure; and
  - (d) the effectiveness of various protective materials and strategies to mitigate the health impacts of exposure.
2. The effectiveness of the New South Wales Government to plan for and improve air quality including:
  - (a) the measurement, reporting and public awareness;
  - (b) the provision of various protective materials including face masks and air purifiers;
  - (c) the ability to ensure the health of at-risk groups;
  - (d) the suitability of work health and safety regulations, industrial provisions and related guidelines; and
  - (e) the capacity to respond within existing resources and ongoing efficiency dividends.
3. Any related matters.

### **Committee membership**

<b>Hon Greg Donnelly MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	<i>(Chair)</i>
<b>Hon Emma Hurst MLC</b>	Animal Justice Party	<i>(Deputy Chair)</i>
<b>Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>Hon Wes Fang MLC</b>	The Nationals	
<b>Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>Hon Taylor Martin MLC *</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>Hon Walt Secord MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	

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