



Inquiry into the *State Records Act 1998* and the Policy Paper on its review

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquire into and report on the *State Records Act 1998* (NSW) (the Act) and the Policy Paper on its review, with particular reference to:
 - (a) the role and purposes of the State Records Authority of NSW and Sydney Living Museums
 - (b) the adequacy of the Act in meeting citizens' needs
 - (c) factors constraining public access to and use of the documentary and material heritage of NSW
 - (d) the operation and effect of the proposed reforms in the attached Policy Paper, in particular:
 - (i) the effect of the proposed reforms on NSW public offices, including NSW Government agencies, local councils, public health organisations and State-owned corporations
 - (ii) whether the proposed reforms support digital government
 - (iii) whether the proposed reforms will increase public knowledge and enjoyment of the stories that shape our social, historical and cultural identity, enhancing social outcomes for the people of NSW
 - (iv) whether the proposed reforms will enhance the protection of the key cultural assets of NSW
 - (e) any other related matter.

Committee membership

Hon Shayne Mallard MLC	Liberal Party	<i>(Chair)</i>
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