



**Inquiry into the future development of the NSW tertiary education sector**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. That Portfolio Committee No.3 – Education inquire into and report on the future development of the NSW tertiary education sector and, in particular, the impact on NSW of:
  - (a) Tertiary education's economic development role, especially university campuses and Country University Centres (CUCs) in regional NSW;
  - (b) The mission of NSW universities with a particular focus on the role of universities to serve specific geographic communities;
  - (c) The post-pandemic return of foreign student numbers and the financial sustainability and risk management strategies of NSW tertiary education institutions;
  - (d) The quality of university teaching and research, including the extent and impact of insecure employment in the sector;
  - (e) Levels of integration of the tertiary education sector with industry;
  - (f) The quality of campus life and student freedom of expression;
  - (g) Foreign political interference within the NSW tertiary education sector;
  - (h) The current levels of coordination and/or support provided to NSW universities by the NSW Government;
  - (i) The recent experience with online learning and lessons for the further development of alternative models of tertiary education service delivery;
  - (j) The appropriateness of current NSW legislation regulating, overseeing and enabling tertiary education; and
  - (k) Any other related matters.
2. That the Committee report by 24 January 2021\*.

**Committee membership**

Hon Mark Latham MLC	Pauline Hanson's One Nation	<i>(Chair)</i>
Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC	Liberal Party	<i>(Deputy Chair)</i>
Hon Anthony D'Adam MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Wes Fang MLC	The Nationals	
Hon Scott Farlow MLC	Liberal Party	
Hon Courtney Houssos MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Mr David Shoebidge MLC	The Greens	

\* The Committee resolved on 30 November 2020 to extend the reporting date from 30 November 2020 to 24 December 2020, then on 11 December 2020 the Committee resolved to extend the reporting date to 24 January 2021.