



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT  
(REGISTERED NURSES IN NURSING HOMES) BILL 2020

### **Inquiry into the provisions of the Public Health Amendment (Registered Nurses in Nursing Homes) Bill 2020**

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the provisions of the Public Health Amendment (Registered Nurses in Nursing Homes) Bill 2020, and in particular:

- (a) the need to have a registered nurse on duty at all times in nursing homes and other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care,
- (b) the impact registered nurses have on the safety and dignity of people in care,
- (c) the impact on residential care of a lack of registered nursing staff on duty in a nursing home or other aged care facility at all times,
- (d) the need for further regulation and minimum standards of care and appropriate staffing levels in nursing homes and other aged care facilities,
- (e) the administration, procurement, storage and recording of medication by non-registered nurses in nursing homes and other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care, as compared with hospital clinical settings,
- (f) the potential for cost-shifting onto other parts of the public health system as a result of any legislative change to the current provisions for care in nursing homes or other aged care facilities,
- (g) the role of registered nurses in responding to critical incidents and preventing unnecessary hospital admissions and unnecessary ambulance call outs and the consequent effect of this upon the provision of ambulance services to the wider community,
- (h) the lessons that can be learnt in New South Wales from the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on private aged care facilities where staffing ratios are not mandated, and
- (i) any other related matter.

## Committee membership

<b>The Hon Courtney Houssos MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	<i>(Chair)</i>
<b>The Hon Mark Banasiak MLC</b>	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	<i>(Deputy Chair)</i>
<b>The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC*</b>	The Greens	
<b>The Hon Wes Fang MLC</b>	The Nationals	
<b>The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Taylor Martin MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>The Hon Mark Pearson MLC</b>	Animal Justice Party	

\* Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC substituted for Ms Abigail Boyd MLC from 20 January 2021 for the duration of the inquiry.