



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 4 - CUSTOMER SERVICE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Inquiry into the long term sustainability and future of the timber and forest products industry

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That Portfolio Committee No. 4 - Industry inquire into and report on the long term sustainability and future of the timber and forest products industry and the role of the Forestry Corporation and other government agencies in supporting the industry, in particular:
 - (a) the nature of, and relationship within, the value chain between the timber and forest products industry, logistics companies, manufacturers, retailers, exporters and their relationship with timber supply and environmental management, and opportunities to enhance supply chains,
 - (b) the impact of external influences on the timber and forest products industry, including but not limited to drought, water, fire, regulatory structures, habitat protection and local, state and federal policies regarding climate change and plantation establishment,
 - (c) projections for softwood and hardwood supply and demand over the next 30 years,
 - (d) transparency and data reporting of timber supply,
 - (e) opportunities for the timber and forest products industry and timber dependent communities and whether additional protections, legislation or regulation are required in New South Wales to better support the forestry products industry and timber-dependent communities, including opportunities for value adding,
 - (f) the role of the government in addressing key economic, environmental and social challenges to the industry, including funding and support to encourage improvements in forestry practices, training, innovation and automation, workplace health and safety, industry and employee support, land use management and forestry projects,
 - (g) the environmental impact and sustainability of native forest logging, including following the 2019/20 bushfire season,
 - (h) the operation, effectiveness and outcomes of the implementation of the NSW Forestry Industry Roadmap and Bushfire Industry Recovery Package,

- (i) best practices in other Australian and international jurisdictions in relation to the sustainability of the timber and forest products industry, including social sustainability, community and Indigenous engagement and multiple uses of the forest estate and
- (j) any other related matters.

2 The Committee report on a date of the Committee's choosing.

Committee membership

Hon Mark Banasiak MLC	Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party	<i>Chair</i>
Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Hon Scott Barrett MLC*	The Nationals	
Mr Justin Field MLC**	Independent	
Hon Taylor Martin MLC***	Liberal Party	
Hon Peter Poulos MLC****	Liberal Party	
Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party	

* The Hon Scott Barrett MLC replaced the Hon Wes Fang MLC as a substantive member of the committee from 1 March 2022. The Hon Wes Fang MLC replaced the Hon Sam Faraway MLC as a substantive member of the committee from 25 January 2022.

** Mr Justin Field MLC substituted for Ms Emma Hurst MLC from 26 March 2021 for the duration of the inquiry.

*** The Hon Taylor Martin MLC replaced the Hon Catherine Cusack MLC as a substantive member of the committee from 20 May 2021.

**** The Hon Peter Poulos MLC substituted for the Hon Lou Amato MLC from 13 May 2021 to 20 May 2021. The Hon Peter Poulos MLC replaced the Hon Lou Amato MLC as a substantive member of the committee from 20 May 2021.