



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 7 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

Inquiry into allegations of impropriety against agents of the Hills Shire Council and property developers in the region

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That Portfolio Committee No. 7 – Planning and Environment inquire into and report on matters in regards to the Hills Shire Council and property developers in the region in particular:

- (a) any matters relating to integrity, processes of Council, employees and elected officials of Council,
- (b) the matters relating to The Hills Shire Council raised by the Member for Castle Hill in a speech to the Parliament on 23 June 2022,
- (c) the role and influence of developers and their interactions with councillors and members of parliament in the region, and
- (d) any other related matter.

The terms of reference for the inquiry were self-referred by the committee on 8 December 2022.

Committee membership

Ms Sue Higginson MLC	The Greens	<i>Chair</i>
Hon Mark Pearson MLC	Animal Justice Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Hon Scott Barrett MLC	The Nationals	
Hon John Graham MLC*	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Rose Jackson MLC**	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Aileen MacDonald MLC***	Liberal Party	
Hon Chris Rath MLC****	Liberal Party	
Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party	

* The Hon John Graham MLC was a participating member from 8 December 2022 to 27 February 2023. The Hon John Graham MLC replaced the Hon Rose Jackson MLC as a substantive member from 27 February 2023.

** The Hon Rose Jackson MLC became a participating member from 27 February 2023.

*** The Hon Aileen MacDonald MLC was an apology from 8 December 2022 to 2 February 2023. The Hon Aileen MacDonald MLC recused herself from the remainder of the inquiry on 27 February 2023.

**** The Hon Chris Rath MLC replaced the Hon Shayne Mallard MLC as substantive member of the committee from 1 February 2023. The Hon Lou Amato MLC substituted for the Hon Shayne Mallard MLC from 8 December 2022 to 1 February 2023. The Hon Chris Rath MLC recused himself from the remainder of the inquiry on 27 February 2023.