

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

Inquiry into artificial intelligence (AI) in New South Wales

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1. That Portfolio Committee No. 1 Premier and Finance inquire into and report on artificial intelligence (AI) in New South Wales, and in particular:
 - (a) the current and future extent, nature and impact of AI in New South Wales
 - (b) the social, economic and technical opportunities, risks and challenges presented by AI to the New South Wales community, government, economy and environment
 - (c) current community and industry use of AI and the potential implications for delivery of government services
 - (d) the current and future extent, nature and impact of AI on the New South Wales labour market including potential changes in:
 - (i) earnings
 - (ii) job security
 - (iii) employment type
 - (iv) employment status
 - (v) working patterns
 - (vi) skills and capabilities for the current and future workforce
 - (e) the current and future extent, nature and impact of AI on social inclusion, equity, accessibility, cohesion and the disadvantaged
 - (f) the current and future extent, nature and impact of AI on customer service and frontline service delivery in New South Wales
 - (g) the current and future extent, nature and impact of AI on human rights and democratic institutions and processes in New South Wales
 - (h) the effectiveness and enforcement of Commonwealth and New South Wales laws and regulations regarding AI
 - whether current laws regarding AI in New South Wales that regulate privacy, data security, surveillance, anti-discrimination, consumer, intellectual property and workplace protections, amongst others are fit for purpose
 - (j) the effectiveness of the NSW Government's policy response to AI including the Artificial Intelligence Strategy, Ethics Policy and Assurance Framework

- (k) the measures other jurisdictions, both international and domestic, are adopting in regard to the adaption to and regulation of AI
- (l) the successes and positive precedents experienced by other jurisdictions, both international and domestic, to better understand best practice
- (m) recommendations to manage the risks, seize the opportunities, and guide the potential use of AI by government, and
- (n) any other related matter.

The terms of reference for the inquiry were self-referred by the committee on 27 June 2023.¹

Committee membership

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Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC	Legalise Cannabis Party	Chair
Hon Robert Borsak MLC	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	Deputy Chair
Ms Abigail Boyd MLC*	The Greens	
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Hon Jacqui Munro MLC**	Liberal Party	
Hon Cameron Murphy MLC***	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Chris Rath MLC	Liberal Party	

* Ms Abigail Boyd MLC is a participating member from 28 June 2023 for the duration of the inquiry.

^{**} The Hon Jacqui Munro MLC substituted for the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC from 8 September 2023 for the duration of the inquiry.

^{***} The Hon Cameron Murphy MLC substituted for the Hon Bob Nanva MLC from 24 August 2023 for the duration of the inquiry.

Minutes, NSW Legislative Council, 28 June 2023, pp 255-256.