



Inquiry into the integrity, efficacy, and value for money of the Local Small Commitments Allocation process

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That the Public Accountability and Works Committee inquire into and report on the integrity, efficacy, and value for money of the Local Small Commitments Allocation process and in particular:
 - (a) the range and availability of funding under the program, including but not limited to the manner in which grants were and are determined, including:
 - (i) the oversight of funding determinations
 - (ii) the transparency of decision making
 - (iii) the independence of the assessment of projects
 - (iv) the role of advocates, candidates, and Members of Parliament in proposing projects for funding, and
 - (v) the scope of Ministers' discretion in determining which projects are approved
 - (b) the role and interaction of the Premier's Department and other agencies in the process, assessment, and facilitation of grants
 - (c) measures necessary to ensure the integrity of grants schemes and public confidence in the allocation of public money, and
 - (d) any other related matter.

The terms of reference were self-referred by the committee on 21 November 2024.

Committee membership

Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	The Greens	<i>Chair</i>
Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Dr Sarah Kaine MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Mark Latham MLC	Independent	
Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC	The Nationals	
Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Chris Rath MLC*	Liberal Party	

- * The Hon Chris Rath MLC substituted for the Hon Scott Farlow MLC from 25 November 2024 for the duration of the inquiry. The Hon Chris Rath MLC substituted for the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC from 6 February 2026 for the duration of the inquiry.
- * The Hon Damien Tudehope MLC replaced the Hon Scott Farlow MLC as a substantive member of the committee from 5 February 2026.