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REPORT TABLED: Statutory review of *State Insurance and Care Governance Act 2015*

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The NSW Upper House's Standing Committee on Law and Justice today tabled the report of its statutory review of the *State Insurance and Care Governance Act 2015*.

The Chair of the committee, the Hon Shayne Mallard MLC, said: 'The Act has been in operation for two years now, bringing about significant reforms to the governance and regulatory arrangements for the state's statutory insurance and compensation schemes with the establishment of icare, SIRA and SafeWork NSW. The purpose of this statutory review, the first of its kind undertaken by an Upper House committee, was to examine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid, and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives.'

'The committee reached the view that the policy objectives of the Act, particularly the structural separation of the organisations responsible for operating and regulating the relevant schemes and for regulating workplace safety, remain valid. However, the committee has made recommendations aimed at improving that performance into the future, particularly around the theme of transparency and access to information. This includes a recommendation that SIRA commence work on developing comprehensive real-time data for workers compensation claims, including visualisation tools such as a dashboard, and that legislative amendments be introduced to give SIRA statutory information collection and sharing powers', Mr Mallard concluded.

To access the full report, and for further information about the review, please visit the committee's website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lawandjustice.

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