



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STATE SENATE BILL 2015

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Inquiry into the State Senate Bill 2015

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A new Upper House inquiry has been established to inquire into the State Senate Bill 2015. The bill proposes to authorise the use of the term ‘State Senate’ as a reference to the NSW Legislative Council and ‘State Senator’ as a reference to a Member of the Legislative Council.

The Chair of the Select Committee on the State Senate Bill 2015, the Hon Paul Green MLC, said, ‘The Bill doesn’t propose to change the actual name of the Legislative Council and its members. That would require a change to the New South Wales Constitution. Rather, it proposes an alternative, interchangeable title for Upper House and its members, the use of which would be optional.’

‘Some stakeholders have suggested that the terms ‘Senate’ and ‘Senator’ are more meaningful to members of the community, including school children, and thus provide clarity on the role of the NSW Upper House and its members. This inquiry will examine the advantages, disadvantages and implications of the use of these proposed terms,’ Mr Green concluded.

The committee invites interested stakeholders, organisations and community members to make a written submission to the inquiry. Submissions are due by Sunday 22 April 2018. Submissions can be lodged via the Parliament’s website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statesenatebill.

For more information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, a copy of the bill and information about making a submission, please visit the Parliament’s website.

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