



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STATE SENATE BILL 2015

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Inquiry into the State Senate Bill 2015 – Report released

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Upper House committee established to inquire into the State Senate Bill 2015 released its report today.

The Bill proposes to authorise the optional 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 committee recommended that the Legislative Council not proceed with consideration of the Bill.

The Chair of the Select Committee on the State Senate Bill 2015, the Hon Paul Green MLC, said, 'I am supportive of the evolving modernisation of parliament. One of the key purposes of the inquiry was to explore the arguments for and against the proposed change. In the committee's view there are merits to both sets of arguments and it is clear that this is an issue on which reasonable minds can differ.'

'However, in light of the submissions received, at this stage it is clear that there is no real support for the Bill to proceed into legislation,' Mr Green concluded.

The committee's report is available on the Parliament's website:  
[www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statesenatebill](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statesenatebill).

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