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### **PORT OF NEWCASTLE INQUIRY REPORT TABLED**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**25 February 2019**

The Upper House Public Works Committee has today tabled its report into the impact of Port of Newcastle sale arrangements on public works expenditure in New South Wales.

Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Brown MLC said, 'Due to the imminent election, and the ongoing Federal Court proceedings relevant to the state's port leasing arrangements, the committee has recommended that the Legislative Council establish a further inquiry to examine the port transactions, the Port Commitment Deeds and their broader impact.'

Mr Brown continued, 'This report should be the first step in the Legislative Council's review of the ports transactions and the container limitations and financial obligations that formed part of the Port Commitment Deeds, which the committee found were not publicly disclosed.'

The committee also found that limitations on Newcastle container port operations following the ports transactions have not significantly impacted public expenditure required on Sydney's transport infrastructure projects.

The committee's report and other inquiry documents can be found on the committee's webpage: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2516](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2516).

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