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INQUIRY INTO THE COSTS FOR REMEDIATION OF SITES CONTAINING COAL ASH REPOSITORIES

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A NSW Upper House committee has commenced an inquiry into the costs for remediation of sites containing coal ash repositories in New South Wales.

It will consider:

- prospective and/or current quantum of government liability for remediating contamination at a number of sites, including Mount Piper, Bayswater, Liddell, Vales Point, and Eraring power stations,
- economic and employment opportunities associated with coal ash re-use, site remediation and repurposing of land,
- adequacy and effectiveness of the current regulatory regime for ensuring best practice remediation of coal ash repositories, and
- risks and liabilities associated with inadequate remediation including community and environmental health impacts.

The Chair, the Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC, said: "This inquiry will help inform the level of government liability for remediating contamination at various power stations across New South Wales, as well as the expected expenditure to perform such work".

"We need to ensure best practice models for remediation for coal ash repositories are in place and being followed, in an effort to mitigate risks and liabilities for communities and the environment", said Mr Mookhey.

Submissions are now open and can be lodged via the committee's website: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/publicworkscommittee>. The committee is due to report by 1 July 2020.

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