



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.4 - INDUSTRY

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INQUIRY INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE NSW CHIEF SCIENTIST'S INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF COAL SEAM GAS ACTIVITIES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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A NSW Upper House committee has commenced an inquiry into the implementation of the recommendations contained in the NSW Chief Scientist's Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in New South Wales.

It will consider:

- the status and effectiveness of the implementation of the recommendations,
- if there are any gaps in the implementation of the recommendations, and
- whether any other inquiry findings or other major reports relating to unconventional gas in Australia or the east coast gas market published since the release of the Chief Scientists are relevant to the suitability or effectiveness of the Chief Scientists recommendations.

Given the inquiry's limited remit, the committee will be seeking input from the NSW Government, as well as key stakeholders, on this particular issue. This is not an inquiry into community views on the more general issue of coal seam gas activities.

The committee Chair, the Hon Mark Banasiak MLC, said "This inquiry will be an important check and balance on the Government's implementation of the 16 recommendations made by the New South Wales Chief Scientist in September 2014."

Submissions are open until Sunday 27 October 2019 and can be lodged via the committee's website: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/portfoliocommittee4>. The committee is expected to report by 20 December 2019.

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