



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.7 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

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INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT (TERRITORIAL LIMITS) BILL 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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An Upper House committee is conducting an inquiry into the provisions of the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment \(Territorial Limits\) Bill 2019](#), a bill introduced by the NSW Government and currently in the Legislative Assembly.

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Territorial Limits) Bill 2019 proposes a number of changes to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. If passed by the Parliament of New South Wales, the Bill will prohibit the imposition of conditions of development consent that purport to regulate any impact of the development occurring outside Australia or any impact of development carried out outside Australia. It will also amend the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007* (Mining SEPP) to remove the specific requirement to consider downstream greenhouse gas emissions in determining a development application for development for the purposes of mining, petroleum production or an extractive industry.

The Committee Chair, Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC, stated: "This inquiry will consider the objectives of the bill, particularly its effect on the Mining SEPP and the removal of the requirement to consider downstream greenhouse gas emissions in determining development applications for certain industries. The committee will have a hearing on Thursday 6 February 2020 to hear from key organisations in both the government and environmental sectors, as well as representatives of the mining industry."

The committee will be seeking online submissions via a questionnaire until Sunday 15 December 2019. The questionnaire can be found [here](#).

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