



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 – HEALTH

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UPPER HOUSE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES INQUIRY INTO HEALTH IMPACTS OF POOR AIR QUALITY

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An Upper House Committee is seeking submissions on the potential health impacts of the poor air quality resulting from the recent bushfires and drought.

Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health, the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC said, 'We have all seen the devastating effects of the bushfires and drought over the last few months, including the effect on air quality. This inquiry will give the committee an opportunity to consider both the short term and long term health impacts of such air quality on the people of New South Wales, in particular vulnerable groups and people exposed to poor air quality in their workplace.'

'The committee will not only look at the health impacts but also whether the NSW Government is doing enough to plan for and improve air quality. The committee is particularly interested to examine the government's effectiveness in measuring and reporting on air quality, and whether it is providing the adequate equipment and care to vulnerable groups,' continued Mr Donnelly.

The committee welcomes submissions from experts and other interested stakeholders by 13 March 2020, before hearings are held in April.

Further information, including the terms of reference, is available on the committee's [website](#).

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC, on 9230 2280.