



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **INQUIRY INTO THE STATE RECORDS ACT AND POLICY PAPER**

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An Upper House inquiry has been established to inquire into and report on the New South Wales *State Records Act 1998* and the Policy Paper on its review.

The Standing Committee on Social Issues Chair, the Hon Shayne Mallard MLC, said: 'It is important that we capture and preserve the stories that shape our social, historical and cultural identity. The *State Records Act 1998* is under review and reforms to the legislative framework for the State Archives and Records Authority of NSW and Sydney Living Museums have been proposed. The Committee is pleased to be able to contribute to this review process.'

The Chair continued: 'The Hon Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister for State, Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, has requested that the Social Issues Committee undertake an inquiry to consider the adequacy of the Act in meeting citizens' needs, and the role and purpose of these two institutions. The committee will also examine the operation and effect of the proposed reforms in the Policy Paper on the review of the Act.'

### **Have your say**

The committee is receiving submissions until Thursday 9 April 2020. For information about the inquiry, including the committee membership, terms of reference, and background information, please visit the Committee's [website](#).

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