



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.5 – LEGAL AFFAIRS

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PROPOSED ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENTS

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A parliamentary committee will be examining proposed amendments to Anti-Discrimination legislation, including the ability of the President of the Anti-Discrimination Board to decline certain complaints and not have to refer them to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT).

The proposed amendments, outlined in the [Anti-Discrimination Amendment \(Complaint Handling\) Bill 2020](#), were introduced by the Hon Mark Latham MLC. The Bill was subsequently referred to Portfolio Committee No.5 – Legal Affairs on 27 February 2020 for inquiry and report, a committee chaired by the Hon Robert Borsak MLC.

The Chair said 'This inquiry will consider whether the proposed amendments are justified and necessary. We will gather evidence from key stakeholders as to the implications of each amendment under this Bill, and we will determine whether the reforms are necessary to ensure the smooth and fair operation of the anti-discrimination complaint process'.

Submissions are open until 26 April 2020 and can be lodged via the committee's website: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/portfoliocommittee5>.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, Hon Robert Borsak MLC, on 9230 2573.