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SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE ON THE
FUTURE OF WORK AND WORKERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER CHANGE ON THE FUTURE OF WORK AND WORKERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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A new Upper House committee has been established to inquire into the impact of technological and other change on the future of work in New South Wales.

The Chair of the Committee, the Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC said that this will be 'the most expansive inquiry undertaken into the future of work done to date in the country'.

'Businesses, trade unions, workers and digital platforms agree that the law which set the rules for how we work are becoming antiquated.' Mr Mookhey said.

'Work is changing, but our laws are not. We have to start the work of modernising our laws so people have stable growing economy.'

The inquiry terms of reference cover a range of issues related to work and the committee will take the time to analyse the issues in depth, reporting in late 2021. The committee aims to analyse how the world of work has changed and what this means for workers today and in the future, and to make recommendation to government about how to ensure stable work for the people of New South Wales.

In particular, the committee will examine the impact of the 'on-demand' or 'gig economy' and the automation of work on workers. It will also consider how government can regulate this new form of work to protect workers and provide people with the skills and training they need to adjust to new forms of work.

The committee is receiving submission until 31 August 2020. The committee will publish a discussion paper in June to help guide submissions to this expansive inquiry.

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