



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.5 – LEGAL AFFAIRS

MEDIA RELEASE

VIRTUAL HEARINGS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION

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Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Legal Affairs will be holding two virtual public hearings next week for the inquiry into the [Anti-Discrimination Amendment \(Complaint Handling\) Bill 2020](#).

The Bill, introduced by the Hon Mark Latham MLC, was referred to the committee for inquiry and report in March 2020. The Bill contains 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 first virtual public hearing will be held on **Tuesday 9 June 2020** and the second on **Thursday 11 June 2020**. Both hearings will commence at **10.15 am** and will be live streamed on the NSW Parliament's website here: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>.

Chair of the Committee, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, said 'The committee will be hearing from the President of Anti-Discrimination NSW on the implications of the proposed amendments to the bill. It will also hear from a number of experts and key organisations across both hearing days, including a panel of legal experts, and other representatives of public interest, religious and certain lobby groups'.

For further information about the inquiry, including the committee membership, terms of reference, submissions, and hearing schedules (once finalised), please visit the committee's [website](#).

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