



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE

MEDIA RELEASE

REPORT TABLED ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO INFORMATION EXCHANGE ABOUT SILICOSIS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
11 SEPTEMBER 2020**

A NSW Upper House committee has tabled its report examining the Work Health and Safety Amendment (Information Exchange) Bill 2020.

Committee Chair, the Hon Wes Fang said, "During this short inquiry, two key issues emerged for the committee's consideration – privacy concerns in relation to the information-sharing power in the bill, and concerns that the bill does not offer further policy action on dust diseases, such as the establishment of a dust diseases register. The committee acknowledges the stakeholder concerns raised in this inquiry and notes that some of these concerns were not confined to the provisions of the bill."

The report recommends that debate on the bill proceed in the Upper House, and that concerns identified by stakeholders as set out in the report be addressed during debate in the House.

Mr Fang continued: 'I would like to thank all who participated in the inquiry. I call on all members to consider the stakeholder views in this report before the bill is debated in the Legislative Council'.

-ENDS-

For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon Wes Fang MLC, on 9230 2888.