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Inquiry into the Clean Air Bill

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A NSW Upper House committee will examine whether coal fired power stations should have limits placed on the concentration of pollutants in their chimney stack emissions.

The inquiry, referred this week by the NSW Legislative Council to the Planning and Environment Committee, chaired by Cate Faehrmann MLC, will examine the Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment (Clean Air) Bill 2021. The bill seeks to improve air quality by introducing tighter standards for emissions of the air pollutants nitrogen dioxide, nitric oxide, sulfur dioxide, solid particles and mercury from coal-fired power stations.

'All communities have a fundamental right to breathe clean air, yet coal fired power stations emit emissions that are toxic and dangerous to communities,' said Ms Faehrmann.

The committee will examine the need to control the emissions of the five pollutants subject to the bill, with their health impacts likely to be a focus. 'We are looking forward to hearing from local communities, scientists and health professionals for this important inquiry. I encourage all interested parties to make a submission and have your voice heard,' concluded Ms Faehrmann.

The Committee will hold one hearing in July, and will publish its report by 27 August 2021. For more information, please see the committee's [website](#).

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