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INQUIRY INTO THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION (NEW SOUTH WALES) AMENDMENT BILL 2021

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The Upper House committee examining the Mutual Recognition (New South Wales) Amendment Bill 2021 has tabled its report today.

The bill seeks to introduce in New South Wales the national Automatic Mutual Recognition scheme (AMR scheme) for occupational registrations between states and territories in Australia. This would allow workers registered or licensed for an occupation in the state in which they work or reside to perform that occupation in another jurisdiction, without the need to apply and pay for a second registration.

Committee Chair, the Hon Tara Moriarty, said, 'The committee considered the issues around the AMR scheme including labour mobility and increasing economic activity. The committee recommends that debate on the bill proceed in the Upper House, and that concerns identified by the committee and stakeholders as set out in the report be addressed during debate in the House.'

Ms Moriarty continued, 'Stakeholders to the inquiry expressed strong concern about the safety risks of AMR when applied to occupations that have differences in registration and licensing across jurisdictions. The report calls on the Government to conduct comprehensive, immediate and ongoing consultation with stakeholders across various trades and occupations which are not sufficiently harmonised, including electrical, teaching, mining, plumbing, medical gas, fire protection and building, maintenance and construction work, with the objective of an opt-in mechanism for occupations being available once industry stakeholders agree they should be included in the AMR framework.'

The inquiry report and other documents including submissions and hearing transcripts are available on the inquiry website.

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