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OFFICE OF SPORT CONTRACT UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

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An Upper House parliamentary committee scrutinising public works of the NSW Government has commenced an inquiry into the granting of contract number OoS17/18-021 by the Office of Sport.

The contract relates to the \$1 million upgrade of the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. The Independent Commission Against Corruption found eight 'corruption risks' in regards to the tender process but referred the issue back to the Office of Sport.

'The Public Works Committee has a responsibility to ensure that the State is getting value for money when it expends public dollars. Therefore, it is important that the committee examine the granting of this particular contract by the Office of Sport, given the concerns regarding conflicts of interest during the procurement process', said the Chair of the committee, the Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC.

The circumstances surrounding the procurement process for this contract have been the subject of a review by an independent probity advisor appointed by the Office of Sport, following concerns relating to perceptions of corrupt conduct. The ICAC review also recommended ways the Office of Sport could improve and strengthen their procurement process.

'It is critical that integrity in government procurement processes is maintained, and this inquiry will provide an oversight function in this particular context', said the Chair. 'We look forward to getting to the bottom of this issue, and providing assurance to the public that concerns of this kind are taken seriously and investigated'.

The Chair continued: 'The committee appreciates the cooperation of the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans, and the Office of Sport. This assistance will ensure the committee is able to effectively and efficiently examine this issue, and report its findings to the House.'

Have your say

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders and members of the community. The closing date for submissions is **Friday 3 September 2021**. You can lodge a submission [online](#) or email Public.Works@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

For information about the inquiry, including the committee membership and the terms of reference, please visit the [inquiry webpage](#).

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