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VIRTUAL HEARING ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE CORONIAL JURISDICTION IN NSW

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The Select Committee inquiring into the coronial jurisdiction in New South Wales will be holding its first public hearing virtually this week.

The Hon Adam Searle MLC, Chair of the Select Committee said, "This is the first comprehensive review of the New South Wales coronial jurisdiction since 1975. The committee are eager to hear from key stakeholders on what improvements can be made to the law, practice and operation of the Coroner's Court of NSW. In particular, the courts ability to respond to the needs of families and communities who have contact with the court system."

The Chair continued, "At this first hearing the committee will be hearing from previous State Coroners, Mr Michael Barnes and Ms Mary Jerram AM, and previous Deputy State Coroner, Adjunct Professor Hugh Dillon. It will also hear from legal experts, including Legal Aid NSW, the NSW Bar Association and the Australian Lawyers Alliance, as well as researchers in this field, including the Jumbunna Institute of Indigenous Education and Research and experts from the University of Sydney."

The virtual public hearing will be held on **Wednesday 29 September** commencing at **9.30 am**. The hearing will be live streamed on the NSW Parliament's website and can be accessed here: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>. The committee will be holding further hearings in November and December this year.

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

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