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SECOND 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 second hearing on Tuesday 30 November 2021.

The Hon Adam Searle MLC, Chair of the Select Committee said, "This hearing follows a virtual hearing held in September where the committee heard from a number of key stakeholders, including previous State Coroners, as well as legal and academic experts".

The Chair continued, "On 30 November, the committee will hear from crucial stakeholders, including public policy organisations, medical experts, and First Nations health and legal services. Also appearing will be senior representatives from government agencies; including the Department of Communities and Justice, Corrective Services NSW, NSW Police, and NSW Health Pathology".

The Chair concluded: "The committee is particularly grateful for the opportunity to hear directly from family members who have lived experience of the coronial system. Family members will provide a first-hand account of the operation of the Coroner's Court of NSW and its ability to respond to the needs of families during a difficult process".

The hearing will be held on **Tuesday 30 November** commencing at **10.15** am. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the hearing will not be open to the public, however 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 December and early 2022.

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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