

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CORONIAL JURISDICTION IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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INQUIRY INTO THE CORONIAL JURISDICTION IN NSW TO HEAR EVIDENCE FROM UNIONS AND EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

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The Select Committee inquiry into the coronial jurisdiction in New South Wales will be holding its third hearing on Monday 31 January 2022.

The Hon Adam Searle MLC, Chair of the Select Committee said, "On 31 January, the committee will hear from key stakeholders of this inquiry, including, NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association, Transport Workers Union, Rail Tram & Bus Union, CFMEU Construction and General Division, and the Mining and Energy Union".

The Chair continued: "The committee is very appreciative of these industrial organisations providing evidence to this inquiry about the intersection between the coronial jurisdiction and work, health and safety laws, particularly in terms of work-related fatalities".

The Chair concluded: "The committee will also hear from the family of Christopher Cassaniti who tragically lost his life during the course of his work. It is important to hear from people with lived experience of the coronial system in order to comprehend the adequacy of the current system, its ability to respond to community needs, and its ability to implement recommendations to prevent future fatalities".

Hearing details

The hearing will be held on **Monday 31 January** 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.

For further information about the inquiry, including the committee membership, terms of reference, submissions and hearing schedule (once finalised), please visit the committee's <u>website</u>.

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