

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

MEDIA RELEASE

INQUIRY INTO THE ELECTORAL FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2023

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An Upper House inquiry has been established to examine changes proposed to the *Electoral Funding Act* 2018 by the Electoral Funding Amendment Bill 2023, with the committee holding a hearing next Wednesday 30 August 2023.

The Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC, Chair of the Premier and Finance Committee, said that: 'This inquiry will be a good opportunity to examine if the proposed amendments strike the right balance when it comes to increasing the cap on electoral expenditure by third-party campaigners for State election campaigns.'

The Chair continued: 'The hearing next week will allow the committee to hear from a range of stakeholders, including the NSW Electoral Commission, as well as representatives from political parties, unions and other third-party campaigners.'

Hearing details

The hearing will be broadcast live on the NSW Parliament's <u>website</u> on Wednesday 30 August 2023, with the start time to be confirmed.

A hearing schedule will be made available on the committee's website once finalised.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC, on 9230 2651.