PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.5 – JUSTICE AND COMMUNITIES

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INQUIRY INTO JURY AMENDMENT BILL 2023

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The Upper House committee tasked with inquiring into the Jury Amendment Bill 2023 will hold its first and only public hearing on Wednesday 31 January 2024 at NSW Parliament in Sydney.

The committee will hear from a range of witnesses from across the criminal justice system including the courts, government agencies, legal bodies and other non-government organisations and stakeholders.

The Hon Robert Borsak MLC, Chair of the committee said: "The jury is an important and vital part of the criminal trial process. The committee is particularly interested to hear stakeholders' thoughts on how the proposed changes in the bill will impact jurors, the courts and the criminal justice system more broadly.'

The Chair concluded: 'The witnesses at this hearing represent a wide range of expertise in the justice space and hearing from them will be incredibly valuable to the committee when examining the proposed amendments in depth.'

Hearing details

The hearing will be held on Wednesday 31 January 2024 from 9.00 am until 3.30 pm in the Macquarie Room at NSW Parliament.

The hearing will be open to the public, and live streamed on the NSW Parliament's website: https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx

For more information about this inquiry, please visit the <u>inquiry webpage</u>.

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