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# HAVE YOUR SAY ON PROCUREMENT PRACTICES OF NSW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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The Upper House Standing Committee on Social Issues is seeking further submissions for its inquiry into the procurement practices of NSW Government agencies and its impact on the social development of the people of New South Wales.

Committee Chair, the Hon Dr Sarah Kaine MLC, said: "The committee encourages stakeholders and members of the public to share their views on the current procurement practices of NSW Government agencies. The committee is particularly interested in understanding how best the government can promote social development through its procurement practices.

The committee will be examining:

- the current procurement practices of NSW Government agencies, including its value, integrity, effectiveness and compliance with relevant policies and regulations
- the quality and robustness of the government policies and frameworks that support procurement services
- the current approaches to the transparency and accountability of procurement services, including the function and requirements of the NSW Government Procurement Board and the New South Wales Procurement Policy Framework
- how the NSW Government's procurement practices can promote social development, including prioritising local business and creating opportunities for diversity, inclusion and participation of disadvantaged groups
- best practice models nationally and internationally to ensure NSW Government procurement is conducted ethically and promotes social development
- the capacity of procurement officials to assess suppliers to ensure value for money, opportunities for co-regulation, and the evaluation criteria used for tenders'.

### Have your say

The committee has extended its due date for public submissions until **Friday 1 March 2024**. Submissions can be made via the portal on the committee's [website](#).

Public hearings will then be held on Tuesday 2 April, Wednesday 3 April and Thursday 4 April in the Macquarie Room at Parliament House, Sydney. Hearings will be livestreamed on the committee's [website](#).

The committee intends to publish its final report in July 2024.

Further information about the inquiry, including the full terms of reference, is available on the committee's [website](#).

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