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PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE INQUIRY INTO THE ETHICAL CLOTHING EXTENDED RESPONSIBILITIES SCHEME 2005 (NSW)

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The Joint Modern Slavery Committee will hold a public hearing at NSW Parliament House on Friday 7 June 2024 for its inquiry into the Ethical Clothing Extended Responsibilities Scheme 2005 (NSW).

Dr Joe McGirr MP, Chair of the committee said: 'The committee will hear from the government, academics and other clothing trades organisations and stakeholders to discuss the current application of the Scheme, and if changes to the Scheme are required to reduce the risks of modern slavery in the textile, clothing and footwear industry'.

Dr McGirr concluded: 'This hearing will be an important opportunity to examine the enforceability of, and compliance with the Scheme in New South Wales, its conformance with Australia's commitment to relevant international standards and frameworks, and whether the Scheme could be extended to other industries with similar supply chain characteristics'.

Hearing details:

The hearing will be on Friday 7 June 2024 from 9.30 am until 2.30 pm in the Macquarie Room at NSW Parliament House.

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 the inquiry, please visit the inquiry [webpage](#).

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