



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

## MEDIA RELEASE

# INQUIRY INTO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES (LIBERALISATION) BILL 2024

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

An Upper House inquiry has been established to examine the [Alcohol Consumption in Public Places \(Liberalisation\) Bill 2024](#), a private members bill introduced into the Legislative Council by the Hon John Ruddick MLC.

The bill aims to remove restrictions and prohibitions on the consumption of alcohol in public places. This will exclude public places prescribed by the regulations that are of cultural or religious significance, or where a person is intoxicated or disorderly.

The Chair of the committee conducting the inquiry, Portfolio Committee 1, the Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC stated: 'The committee is interested to understand how the bill's proposed removal of restrictions will work in practice and in particular, to hear stakeholder views on any unintended consequences of the relaxation of these restrictions.'

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders and members of the community. The closing date for submissions is Friday 19 July 2024, with the committee to hold a public hearing in the first half of August 2024. Members of the public are also invited to contribute their views via an [online questionnaire](#), which closes on Friday 19 July 2024.

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and hearing details (once finalised) can be found on the committee's [website](#).

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