PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

MEDIA RELEASE

INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR CANNABIS IN NEW SOUTH WALES – SUBMISSIONS REOPENED

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Portfolio Committee No. 1 of the NSW Upper House has reopened submissions for its inquiry into the impact of the regulatory framework for cannabis in New South Wales.

This will provide an opportunity for interested stakeholders and members of the community to make submissions to the inquiry who have not yet had the chance to do so.

The Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC, Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 1 stated: 'Cannabis is an issue that traverses so many parts of our community, from health, law enforcement and youth to the elderly, the criminal justice system, the judiciary and Treasury itself. Prohibition has not worked so it is time to look at alternate approaches.'

Mr Buckingham added 'if you are interested in how cannabis may be regulated differently in the future, and have not already made a submission, I strongly encourage you to do so'.

The new submission closing date is Wednesday 31 July.

To lodge a submission and for more information about this inquiry, including the committee membership and the terms of reference, see the <u>inquiry webpage</u>.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC, on 02 9230 2651