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INQUIRY INTO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The Upper House committee inquiring into artificial intelligence in New South Wales has today tabled its report. It includes 12 recommendations designed to ensure that there is an appropriate balance between the opportunities, risks and challenges presented by artificial intelligence.

The report's recommendations address the need for community education campaigns and a consistent approach in the governance of artificial intelligence. It also recommends that the Government extend partnerships with industry academics, experts and professionals to ensure New South Wales is at the forefront of trends that enhance and protect the state's interests in relation to AI technology.

Committee Chair, the Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC stated:

Artificial intelligence continues to develop at a rapid pace. It is already being widely used in many areas of life in New South Wales, on our smartphones, as part of business solutions, and in various innovative ways by government agencies. While there is much excitement around the potential of AI, there are understandable concerns around its irresponsible or unethical use. It is clear that continued oversight and exploration of these issues is necessary.

The committee received evidence from a wide range of stakeholders, including academics, scientists and legal experts. The NSW Government and statutory organisations such as the Independent Commission Against Corruption, NSW Ombudsman, and Information and Privacy Commission NSW, also provided insight into some of the benefits and risks presented by artificial intelligence, and what sort of government response may be required.

The NSW Government now has three months to respond to the committee's recommendations. The committee's report and other inquiry documents can be found on the committee's website <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2968>

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