



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES

## MEDIA RELEASE

# PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE IMPACTS OF HARMFUL PORNOGRAPHY ON MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

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The NSW Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Social Issues has launched an inquiry into the impacts of harmful pornography on mental, emotional, and physical health. The inquiry was referred to the committee by the Hon Michael Daley, Attorney General.

Committee Chair, the Hon Dr Sarah Kaine MLC, stated:

'This inquiry will examine access to and the production of harmful pornography, including the psychological and physiological impacts of such use on at-risk groups such as children and young people.'

Dr Kaine continued: 'The inquiry will also evaluate the effectiveness of current education programs, and restrictions on pornography access, and explore potential improvements'.

In addition, the inquiry will:

- consider the relationship between harmful pornography use and respect and consent education
- examine the production and distribution of pornography, including deepfake and AI-generated content
- assess the impact of violent and degrading pornography on children and young people
- evaluate the support available to parents and carers to educate children about pornography.

Contributions to the inquiry can be made by [lodging a submission](#) or completing an [online questionnaire](#) by 1 November 2024.

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

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