

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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UPPER HOUSE COMMITTEE COMENCES INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED CHANGES TO LIABILITY AND ENTITLEMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY

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The Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Law and Justice has commenced an inquiry into proposed changes to liability and entitlements for psychological injury in New South Wales contained in the Exposure Draft of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025. The inquiry was referred to the committee by the Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC, Treasurer of New South Wales.

The committee will inquire into and report on the provisions of the Exposure Draft and the overall financial sustainability of the NSW workers' compensation system.

Chair of the committee, the Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC said: "It is important to support workers today and to ensure that the workers' compensation scheme can continue to support workers for generations to come. We are concerned that the NSW workplace health and safety, and the workers' compensation laws are failing to prevent psychological injuries and failing to treat those with psychological injuries quickly and efficiently. The committee welcomes this referral from the Treasurer and is eager to hear from stakeholders as to whether the proposed changes will go some way towards correcting and addressing this issue".

The committee has invited select organisations to make a submission to the inquiry. The committee will hold a public hearing on Friday, 16th May and will report by Friday, 23rd May.

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and the Exposure Draft of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025, can be found on the committee's <u>website</u>.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC on (02) 9230 2280.