

GUIDE

GUIDE TO ENGAGING WITH THE MODERN SLAVERY COMMITTEE

The Parliament of New South Wales Modern Slavery Committee would like to hear from people who have experienced modern slavery.

This document is a guide for individuals who are interested in meeting with the committee to share their experiences.

What is modern slavery?

The term modern slavery covers a range of crimes in New South Wales, including forced marriage, forced labour, servitude, sexual servitude, human trafficking, debt bondage, deceptive recruiting, organ and tissue trafficking and online sexual exploitation of children.

About Parliament and the committee

The Parliament of New South Wales represents the people, makes laws and examines the government's actions. The Modern Slavery Committee is a parliamentary committee made up of several members of Parliament from government and non-government parties. Its role is to make recommendations to the NSW Government about how to address and prevent modern slavery.

How can I participate?

You can share your experience with us in person. If you would like to do this, email modern.slavery@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Please include your first and last name, your contact number and some key facts about your experience - or call us on 02 9230 3081.

If you prefer, you can share your experiences and thoughts by sending us a short email or letter. We call this 'a submission'. For more information, please see our [guide to making a submission](#).

Can I participate confidentially?

There are options available to participate confidentially if you wish.

If you would like to speak with the committee in person, you can do so confidentially or in public. If you would like to write to the committee, we can keep your submission confidential, publish parts of it, or publish it in full on our website.

Information you share publicly will be published on the committee's webpage and may be included in the committee's report, which will also be available online.

More information

See the website for information on current inquiries.
Contact the committee staff for translation assistance.



www.bit.ly/ms-committee



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What happens next?

If you have expressed interest in meeting with the committee, the secretariat will contact you to discuss next steps.

If you have made a submission, the secretariat will read it and call you to discuss any confidentiality matters. The secretariat will then provide your submission to the committee.

What can the committee achieve?

The committee will learn from the experiences of people with lived experience to make recommendations to the NSW Government about how modern slavery laws and policies can be improved to stop and prevent modern slavery in the future.

We are not able to investigate or solve individual cases.

Will support be available?

We know that talking about modern slavery may be difficult for some people. We have ways to support to people who want to speak with us. We can discuss this with you at any time.

Who is on the committee?

There are eight members of parliament on the committee:

- Chair, Joe McGirr (Independent, Legislative Assembly Member)
- Deputy, Jenny Leong (The Greens, Legislative Assembly Member)
- Tina Ayyad (Liberal Party, Legislative Assembly Member)
- Robert Borsak (Shooters, Fishers and Farmers, Legislative Council Member)
- Greg Donnelly (Australian Labor Party, Legislative Council Member)
- Sarah Kaine (Australian Labor Party, Legislative Council Member)
- Aileen MacDonald (Liberal Party, Legislative Council Member)
- Lynda Voltz (Australian Labor Party, Legislative Assembly Member)

Who is the secretariat?

The secretariat supports the committee and can answer your questions. You can contact modern.slavery@parliament.nsw.gov.au or call us on 02 9230 3081.

Reporting, help, support

To report modern slavery

- **1800 FREEDOM:** Call 1800 FREEDOM (1800 3733366) or antislavery@dcj.nsw.gov.au for confidential support and assistance from the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner.
- **In an emergency:** call Triple Zero (000) if you have immediate concerns for your safety or the safety of another person

To report to law enforcement

- **New South Wales police:** call 131 444
- **Crimestoppers:** call 1800 333 000 or report online
- **Australian Federal Police (AFP):** call 131 237 (131AFP) or go to the AFP website at www.afp.gov.au/report-crime

Other resources and support available are listed on the committee's [webpage](#).

