PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND WORKS COMMITTEE

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## PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD FOR THE INQUIRY INTO THE WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Monday 16 June 2025

The Public Accountability and Works Committee will hold a public hearing for its inquiry into the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 on Tuesday 17 June 2025 in the Macquarie Room at Parliament House, Sydney.

The committee is required to consider the impact of the Bill on business and economic conditions in New South Wales.

Chair of the committee, Ms Abigail Boyd MLC commented: 'The committee acknowledges that those directly impacted by these reforms to the workers compensation system have not yet had the opportunity to have their voices heard through participation in a parliamentary inquiry. However, in recognition of the terms on which this inquiry was referred to the committee, the committee has determined that as a first step it must examine the financial and other assumptions underpinning the reforms. This is critical to understanding the Bill's stated purpose of improving the effective operation of the workers compensation scheme.'

At the public hearing, the committee will hear from a range of government and non-government witnesses, including the Treasurer, officials from Treasury, the State Insurance Regulatory Authority and icare. Representatives from claim providers such as Allianz and EML will be appearing, as well as the NSW Workers Compensation Self Insurers Association, the National Insurance Brokers Association and expert witnesses. These include a Consultant Psychiatrist, Occupational and Forensic Psychiatrist, and a Senior Medical Assessor for the Personal Injury Commission.

After the public hearing, the committee will determine the next steps for the inquiry, including whether to send the Bill back to the Upper House next week or to continue inquiring into the Bill. Should the committee agree to conduct a longer inquiry, public submissions will be invited and further hearing dates will be held over July and August.

Information about the conduct of the inquiry as it becomes available can be found on the committee's website.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing in-person or watch via the broadcast live on the NSW Parliament's website.

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