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INQUIRY CONTINUING: SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR THE WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 INQUIRY

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The Public Accountability and Works Committee has opened submissions for its Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 inquiry.

Following its first public hearing, the committee decided not to send the Bill back to the Legislatve Council for a vote but instead subject it to further scrutiny through a longer inquiry. A further public hearing will be held in late July.

Chair of the committee, Ms Abigail Boyd MLC commented: 'The first hearing gave the committee the chance to examine the financial assumptions underpinning the reforms to workers compensation in this Bill. It is clear from this hearing that there is more for us consider. I am pleased that we will be progressing with a longer inquiry, receiving submissions and conducting another hearing.'

Ms Boyd continued: 'The community is understandably concerned about this legislation. We welcome the opportunity to hear from affected people and organisations about what these reforms will mean for them.'

Ms Boyd concluded: 'The committee acknowledges reform is needed, however we must get this right to ensure a fair, equitable and balanced workers compensation scheme.'

The committee invites interested individuals and organisations to <u>lodge a submission</u> by Tuesday 22 July 2025.

The <u>website</u> contains further information about the inquiry, including committee members and terms of reference.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, Ms Abigail Boyd MLC, on (02) 9230 3676.