



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 1

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UPPER HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO ALLEGATIONS OF BULLYING AT WORKCOVER NSW

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A Parliamentary Committee will scrutinise the culture of the WorkCover Authority of New South Wales and examine the organisation's role as the State regulator of workplace health and safety as it relates to bullying in the workplace.

The WorkCover Authority of NSW, also known as WorkCover NSW, is responsible for administering and overseeing work health and safety, licensing and registration, workers compensation insurance, workers compensation benefits and the sustainable return to employment for injured workers.

Following the finding on Friday 21 June 2013 by the NSW Industrial Relations Commission that WorkCover NSW had systematically bullied a senior employee out of his job, the NSW Legislative Council has agreed to terms of reference for an Inquiry into the culture at the organisation.

Committee Chair, Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile MLC said, "There have been complaints of bullying at WorkCover NSW before and this Inquiry aims to thoroughly review the culture at WorkCover NSW. The Inquiry will make appropriate recommendations to address any issues raised."

The Committee is currently seeking written submissions, with a closing date of 23 August 2013.

The inquiry was referred to the Committee by a resolution of the NSW Legislative Council on 27 June 2013.

For more information, including terms of reference and guidelines for making a submission, please visit the Committee's website – www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1.

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