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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**12 September 2013**

On 22 August 2013, the NSW Legislative Council appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report on ministerial propriety in New South Wales.

The Committee, chaired by the Hon Robert Borsak MLC of the Shooters and Fishers Party, includes representatives of the Liberal Party, the Nationals, the Australian Labor Party and the Greens. The motion to appoint the Select Committee was put forward by Labor member the Hon Luke Foley MLC.

The Committee will examine a range of matters including ministerial responsibility to Parliament, measures to reduce ministers' potential conflicts of interest and the arrangements in place regarding lobbyists. The Committee will also consider the interaction between the Code of Conducts for Members of Parliament, Lobbyists and Ministers of the Crown.

The Committee Chair, Mr Borsak said, 'Ministers have a duty to act in the public interest, regardless of private or party interests, and must be held accountable to the Parliament for their actions. It is also vital that Ministers and Government representatives ensure that their contact with lobbyists is conducted in accordance with public expectations of transparency, integrity and honesty. This Inquiry will examine these important issues.'

Submissions are now invited from interested organisations and individuals. The closing date for submissions is Tuesday, 8 October 2013. The Committee is due to report by 31 October 2014.

For further information about the Inquiry, including its terms of reference, and for more on how to make a submission, please visit the Committee's website at: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ministerialpropriety](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ministerialpropriety), or call the Committee Secretariat on (20) 9230 3586.

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