



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO.1

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **INQUIRY INTO PERSONAL INJURY COMPENSATION LEGISLATION**

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1 of the Legislative Council is commencing an inquiry into personal injury compensation legislation in New South Wales.

The Committee will investigate the operation and outcomes of the tort law reforms introduced by the NSW Government in 2002, with particular reference to their impact on insurance premium levels, community events and activities, and employment in rural and regional communities.

The Committee will also be examining the impact of the Government's reforms to the compulsory third party motor accident premium system introduced in 1999, and the Government's reforms to the workers' compensation system introduced in 2001.

The Committee's terms of reference and membership are provided overleaf. An information sheet providing additional information in relation to the Committee's terms of reference is available on the committee's web site at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1).

The Committee is commencing its inquiry with a call for submissions from the general public and interested organisations. Advertisements calling for submissions will appear in a number of NSW newspapers in the coming week.

Submissions should be sent to the Director, General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1, Legislative Council, Parliament House, Sydney NSW 2000. Submissions can also be faxed, emailed (Word format) or submitted online via the Committee's website at: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1). Submissions become the property of the Committee and may only be released following a decision of the Committee to make them public. Individuals or organisations making a submission should indicate if they wish their submission to remain confidential. The closing date for submissions is **Friday 11 March 2005**.

Following the receipt of submissions, the Committee will be holding public hearings in April/May of this year. Details about the public hearings will be finalised during April.

For further information, contact the chairman of the Committee, The Rev the Hon Gordon Moyes MLC on (02) 9230 2470 or the Committee Secretariat on 9230 3594.

# INQUIRY INTO PERSONAL INJURY COMPENSATION LEGISLATION

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

*The General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1 inquire into, and report on the operations and outcomes of all personal injury compensation legislation (including but not limited to: claims by persons injured in motor accidents, transport accidents, accidents in the workplace, at public events, in public places and in commercial premises but not including claims by victims injured as a result of criminal acts) approved by the Parliament of New South Wales from 1999, with particular reference to:*

- 1. The impact on employment in rural and regional communities;*
- 2. The impact on community events and activities, and community groups;*
- 3. The impact on insurance premium levels and the availability of cost-effective insurance;*
- 4. The level and availability of Compulsory Third Party motor accident premiums required to fund claims cost if changes had not been implemented in 1999; and the impact on the WorkCover scheme if changes had not been implemented in 2001; and*
- 5. Any other issue that the Committee considers to be of relevance to the inquiry.*

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Revd Hon Gordon Moyes MLC (*Chair*)  
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