



Legislative Council
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

**INQUIRY INTO THE GOVERNANCE OF
NSW UNIVERSITIES**

Ms Robyn Parker MLC, Chair of NSW Parliament's General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2, has announced the commencement of an inquiry into the governance of NSW universities.

According to Ms Parker, the Inquiry was generated by recent conflicts at several NSW universities involving senior university managers and their governing bodies.

'It would appear that these conflicts have been generated by a lack of clarity regarding the roles of senior university leaders, including Chancellors and Vice Chancellors, and university governing bodies,' Ms Parker said.

'Universities are governed by a complex mix of state and federal legislation and protocols. We will investigate whether there is a need to review these Acts and protocols so as to address this apparent confusion and reduce the level of conflict at some institutions.'

'While the lack of clarity in leadership roles has presented problems for certain universities in recent years, it is important to point out that this inquiry is not specific to any particular university,' Ms Parker said.

The Committee is inviting written submissions with a closing date of **16 February 2009** and will hold public hearings after this date.

Submissions can be provided to:

- Email – gpscno2@parliament.nsw.gov.au
- Website – www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2
- Mail – The Director, General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

Information about the Inquiry, including the terms of reference and how to make a submission, is available from the Committee's website or can be obtained from the Committee Secretariat on telephone (02) 9230 3544.

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