

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 1

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Parliamentary committee to review progress in addressing bullying in WorkCover NSW

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A New South Wales Upper House committee will review progress on steps to address bullying in WorkCover NSW and across the public sector.

In June 2014, a parliamentary inquiry found that WorkCover had a significant and longstanding organisational problem with workplace bullying. The report included 13 recommendations designed to address this problem. At that time the committee indicated that it would review the implementation of these recommendations before the end of 2014.

According to the committee Chairman, Reverend the Hon Fred Nile MLC, "While we do not expect our recommendations to be implemented overnight, we are keen to make sure appropriate steps are being taken to reduce the incidence of bullying in WorkCover and to better prevent bullying in all public sector agencies."

"In addition to seeking submissions from relevant stakeholders, we will hold a public hearing on 28 October where we will ask the key stakeholders to comment on the implementation of the committee's recommendations."

The closing date for submissions is **Friday 17 October 2014** and the review is due to be completed by 11 December 2014.

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

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