

The Hon Michael Daley MP
Attorney General



Mr David Blunt
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Dear Mr Blunt,

Modern Slavery Committee review of the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* – Report No.1

I write to provide the NSW Government's response to report no.1 of the Modern Slavery Committee's review of the *Modern Slavery Act 2018*, for tabling in the Legislative Council. I would like to thank the Committee members for their work in relation to this important issue.

The Government notes the Committee's recommendation for the Committee to continue to review the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* for a further six months from the date the Committee's report was tabled in Parliament, being 19 December 2023.

The Government acknowledges the Committee's concern that the legislative timeframe to complete the review of the Act does not allow the Committee sufficient time to thoroughly undertake this important work. The Government further recognises the importance of and need for consultation with people with lived experience in order for the Committee to make appropriate recommendations to ensure that the Act adequately addresses modern slavery risks in NSW.

The Government notes recommendation 2 to amend the Act to explicitly allow for the Anti-Slavery Commissioner's annual report to be tabled out of session or made publicly available immediately after being furnished to the Presiding Officers of each house of Parliament. The Government acknowledges that this recommendation provides greater clarity for when the Commissioner's report may be made publicly available and prevents any unnecessary delay.

The Government will consider this recommendation along with any further recommendations of the Committee in its final report.

I look forward to considering the Committee's final report when it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Michael Daley MP
Attorney General

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