



Inquiry into the impact of the regulatory framework for cannabis in New South Wales

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance inquire into and report on the impact of the regulatory framework for cannabis in New South Wales, including:
 - (a) the historical development and implementation of the regulatory framework for cannabis
 - (b) the socioeconomic impact of the current regulatory framework for cannabis
 - (c) the historical, current and future financial cost of cannabis prohibition to the Government and the economy
 - (d) the impact of the current regulatory framework for cannabis on young people, the health system, personal health, employment, road safety, crime and the criminal justice system
 - (e) the impact of the regulatory framework for cannabis on Aboriginal, LGBTIQ+, regional, multicultural and lower socioeconomic communities
 - (f) alternative approaches to the regulatory framework for cannabis in other jurisdictions
 - (g) the provisions of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Amendment (Regulation of Personal Adult Use of Cannabis) Bill 2023, and
 - (h) any other related matters.
2. That the committee report by 20 June 2025.¹

The terms of reference for the inquiry were referred to the committee by the Legislative Council on 20 March 2024.²

Committee membership

Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC	Legalise Cannabis Party	<i>Chair</i>
Hon Robert Borsak MLC	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC*	The Greens	
Hon Dr Sarah Kaine MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Stephen Lawrence MLC	Australian Labor Party	

¹ The original reporting date was 26 September 2024 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 March 2024, p 1021). The reporting date was extended to 21 November 2024 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 8 August 2024, p 1393), and then to 8 April 2025 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 18 September 2024, p 1495). The reporting date has been subsequently extended to 20 June 2025 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 12 February 2025, p 1991).

² *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 20 March 2024, p 1017.

Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC*	Liberal Party
Hon Jacqui Munro MLC*	Liberal Party
Hon Cameron Murphy MLC*	Australian Labor Party
Hon John Ruddick MLC*	Libertarian Party

- * Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC is a participating member from 22 March 2024 for the duration of the inquiry.
- * The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC substituted for the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC from 28 March 2024 for the duration of the inquiry.
- * The Hon Jacqui Munro MLC substituted for the Hon Chris Rath MLC from 27 March 2024 for the duration of the inquiry.
- * The Hon John Ruddick MLC is a participating member from 25 March 2024 for the duration of the inquiry.
- * The Hon Cameron Murphy MLC substituted for the Hon Bob Nanva MLC from 2 August 2024 for the duration of the inquiry.