

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

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, LGBTIQA+, 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 21 November 2024.¹

Committee membership

Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC	Legalise Cannabis Party	Chair
Hon Robert Borsak MLC	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	Deputy Chair
Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC*	The Greens	
Hon Dr Sarah Kaine MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Stephen Lawrence MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC*	Liberal Party	
Hon Jacqui Munro MLC*	Liberal Party	

¹

The original reporting date was 26 September 2024. (Minutes, NSW Legislative Council,

²⁰ March 2024, p 1017). The reporting date was extended to 21 November 2024. (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 8 August 2024, p 1393).

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.