



## **Inquiry into arts and music education and training in New South Wales**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. That a joint select committee be established to inquire into and report on arts and music education and training in New South Wales, and in particular:
  - (a) the quality and effectiveness of arts and creative industries education, including:
    - (i) progress towards a long-term goal of quality arts and creative industries education
    - (ii) the present level and status of formal arts and creative industries education across all levels, including primary, secondary, and tertiary levels
    - (iii) robust and evidence-based arts and creative industries education in initial teacher education courses in the tertiary sector
    - (iv) the role of arts organisations and creative professionals in education and the development of creative skills across the arts
    - (v) the contribution of the national performing arts training organisations in New South Wales and the adequacy of the support they receive
    - (vi) the efficacy of the current primary and secondary school curriculum in delivering learning outcomes in arts and creative industry-related subjects
    - (vii) the availability of support for teachers and principals in delivering quality arts education, and ensuring that an inclusive approach is taken towards resource allocation for regional schools across New South Wales
    - (viii) the most effective approach for the arts, culture, and creative industries to co-ordinate with the education system to support the development of creative skills
    - (ix) ways that students can learn entrepreneurial skills and gain industry experience to ensure they are job-ready
    - (x) measures of success in arts education
    - (xi) factors influencing student decisions to pursue further arts education, including but not limited to course choice, course location and the method of study
    - (xii) notable approaches to arts and creative industries education in other jurisdictions
  - (b) the quality and effectiveness of music education and training, including:
    - (i) progress towards a long-term goal of quality music education, including actions to address identified barriers
    - (ii) the present level and status of formal music education across all levels, including primary, secondary, and tertiary levels

- (iii) robust and evidence-based music education in initial teacher education courses in the tertiary sector
  - (iv) the role of regional conservatoriums and creative professionals in music education
  - (v) the efficacy of the current primary and secondary school curriculum in delivering learning outcomes in music related subjects
  - (vi) the availability of support for teachers and principals in delivering quality music education and ensuring that an inclusive approach is taken towards resource allocation for regional schools across New South Wales
  - (vii) the most effective approach for the music and the creative industries to co-ordinate with the education system to support the development of creative skills
  - (viii) ways that students can learn entrepreneurial skills and gain industry experience to ensure they are job ready
  - (ix) measures of success in music education
  - (x) factors influencing student decisions to pursue further music education, including but not limited to course choice, course location and the method of study
  - (xi) notable approaches to music education in other jurisdictions, and
- (c) any other related matters.

2. That the committee report by 13 December 2024.<sup>1</sup>

The terms of reference for the inquiry were referred to the committee by the Legislative Council on 15 May 2024<sup>2</sup>

### Committee membership

<b>Ms Julia Finn MP</b>	Australian Labor Party	<i>Chair</i>
<b>Dr Joe McGirr MP</b>	Independent	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
<b>Mr Kevin Anderson MP</b>	The Nationals	
<b>Ms Abigail Boyd MLC</b>	The Greens	
<b>Ms Liza Butler MP</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>Hon Anthony D'Adam MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	
<b>Ms Judy Hannan MP</b>	Independent	
<b>Hon Jacqui Munro MLC</b>	Liberal Party	
<b>Hon Emily Suvaal MLC</b>	Australian Labor Party	

<sup>1</sup> The original reporting date was 29 November 2024 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 15 May 2024, pp 1158-1160). The reporting date was later extended to 13 December 2024 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 24 September 2024, pp 1543).

<sup>2</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 15 May 2024, pp 1158-1160.