



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

MEDIA RELEASE

UPPER HOUSE INQUIRY INTO THE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES (LIBERALISATION) BILL 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

20 September 2024

The Upper House committee responsible for examining the Alcohol Consumption in Public Places (Liberalisation) Bill 2024 has tabled its report. Portfolio Committee No. 1 - Premier and Finance has completed its inquiry into the bill, which was introduced in the House on 5 June 2024 by the Hon John Ruddick MLC.

The bill, as set out in clause 3, seeks to 'limit the prohibition and regulation of the consumption of alcohol in public places'.

The committee heard from a diverse range of stakeholders about what outcomes could be expected from the enactment of the bill, particularly in relation to problematic alcohol consumption and undesirable behaviour in public places. A number of inquiry participants provided compelling reasons as to why local councils are well placed to make the decisions about public alcohol restrictions for their local areas. Other stakeholders explained some of the legal complexities that could arise from the bill should it pass in its current form.

Committee Chair, the Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC stated "The committee is grateful to the various stakeholders who participated in the inquiry and aided the committee in its detailed consideration of the bill".

The committee recommended that the Legislative Council proceed to debate the bill, addressing the concerns of stakeholders as represented in the report.

The committee's report and other inquiry related documents may be found on the committee's [webpage](#).

-ENDS-

For further information please contact Committee Chair, Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC, on 9230 2651.