



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES

## MEDIA RELEASE

# ADDITIONAL TIME TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS TO THE INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACTS OF HARMFUL PORNOGRAPHY ON MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

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The NSW Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Social Issues has extended the time to make submissions into the impacts of harmful pornography on mental, emotional, and physical health. The inquiry was referred to the committee by the Hon Michael Daley, Attorney General.

Contributions to the inquiry can be made by [lodging a submission](#) or completing an [online questionnaire](#) by 31 January 2025.

Committee Chair, the Hon Dr Sarah Kaine MLC, said 'This inquiry has been established in the context of growing concerns about the exposure of children to harmful pornography. The committee wants to understand these concerns, and hear from experts and key stakeholders about the psychological and physiological impacts of this exposure on children and young people'.

In addition to looking at the impacts of exposure to harmful pornography, the inquiry will:

- evaluate the effectiveness of current education programs, and restrictions on pornography access, and explore potential improvements
- consider the relationship between harmful pornography use and respect and consent education
- examine the production and distribution of pornography, including deepfake and AI-generated content
- assess the impact of violent and degrading pornography on children and young people
- evaluate the support available to parents and carers to educate children about pornography.

Further information about the inquiry, including the full terms of reference, is available on the committee's [website](#).

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