

GUIDE

MAKING A SUBMISSION TO THE MODERN SLAVERY COMMITTEE

The Parliament of New South Wales Modern Slavery Committee would like to hear from people with lived experience of modern slavery.

What is modern slavery?

'Modern slavery' describes serious unlawful practices where an individual's freedom is undermined and they are exploited for the personal or commercial gain of another individual or business.

Individuals cannot refuse or leave these situations because of threats, violence, coercion or deception. Exploitation can take many forms, including financial and sexual.

About committees

The Parliament of NSW represents the people, makes laws and holds the NSW Government to account. To help perform these functions, the Parliament has a number of committees, including the **Modern Slavery Committee**, made up of both government and non-government members of Parliament.

These committees undertake inquiries which examine a particular issue in detail and make recommendations to the NSW Government including changes to policies, laws or government services.

Please note, the Modern Slavery Committee cannot investigate or recommend legal action regarding individual cases.

How do I make a submission?

Sharing your experience with the Modern Slavery Committee could help inform the committee's recommendations about potential reforms to address modern slavery risks and combat exploitative practices in NSW.

You can make a written submission to a particular inquiry via the Modern Slavery Committee's website. This can be a letter, story or more substantial document about your views and/or experiences.

It can be helpful to:

- introduce yourself and your background
- be clear, concise and relevant
- outline what you think the key issues are
- suggest solutions or recommendations
- clearly state if you wish to share your experience in person with the committee.

Please contact us if your preferred language is a language other than English.

Check the due date for submissions, included on the inquiry webpage. If you are unable to submit by the due date, you can ask for an extension.

What happens after I make a submission?

Submissions are usually published on the committee's website and may be referred to in its report.

You should clearly state in your submission if you would like your name, specific parts of your submission or your entire submission to be confidential (including the reasons why).

More information

See the website for information on current inquiries or to make a submission. Contact the committee staff for translation assistance or to seek an extension on the due date for a submission.



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