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### SUBMISSION PERIOD EXTENDED: INQUIRY INTO MODERN SLAVERY RISKS FACED BY TEMPORARY MIGRANT WORKERS IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Modern Slavery Committee has extended the submission closing date for its inquiry into modern slavery risks faced by temporary migrant workers in rural and regional New South Wales. Established in October 2024, the inquiry is set to examine the working conditions and labour practices in agriculture, horticulture, meat processing and other industries reliant on temporary migrant labour.

Dr Joe McGirr MP, Chair of the committee stated: 'The committee has extended the closing date to **Friday 28 February 2025** to allow additional time for stakeholders to engage with the issues and have their say. We encourage as many stakeholders as possible to share their views and experiences on the issues central to this inquiry.'

To reach the widest possible audience, including migrant workers with lived experience of modern slavery, the committee has translated the terms of reference and submission guide into 12 different languages. The submission guide explains the role of parliamentary committees and how to make a submission to an inquiry of the Modern Slavery Committee. These resources have been translated into: Dari; Pashto; Urdu; Hazaragi; Persian (Farsi); Turkish; Arabic; Tamil; Bislama; Fijian; Chinese (Mandarin); and Korean. They are available for download on the inquiry [webpage](#).

#### Engaging with the committee

The submission closing date has been extended from 31 January 2025 to **28 February 2025**. Submissions can be lodged via the submission [portal](#).

For further information about the inquiry, including the translated terms of reference and submission guide, please visit the committee's [website](#).

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