



# Media release

## Economy and Infrastructure Committee

### WorkCover Bill inquiry report tabled

A report has urged more consultation be undertaken before the parliament considers the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (WorkCover Scheme Modernisation) Bill.

The Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee has made 20 recommendations and nine findings after it was referred the Bill inquiry on the final sitting day of 2023.

The Committee has called for the State Government to conduct detailed and thorough consultation with business, unions, and injured workers and their advocates on the Bill.

It has also recommended wider consultation with peak mental health bodies on the Bill's proposed definition of 'mental injury' and to ensure the mental injury amendments are fit for purpose.

The inquiry focused on the Bill's proposed changes to existing WorkCover laws, including provisions for the circumstances where benefits can be paid for a worker's mental injury.

It also considered the impairment threshold introduced in the Bill to assess eligibility for payments beyond the second entitlement period (after 130 weeks).

The Committee held 15 public hearings, involving 28 witness groups and received 20 written submissions.

You can read the full report on the inquiry's [website](#).

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