

Upper House Committees



Guide to making a submission to the inquiry into unsolved murders and long-term missing persons cases

Portfolio Committee No. 1 recognises the profound impact that unsolved murders and missing persons cases has on individuals, families and friends. The committee would value hearing directly from those who have been affected by cases covered by the terms of reference.

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 Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance, 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.

How do I make a submission?

Sharing your experience with the committee could help inform the committee's recommendations about potential reforms to address the impacts of the criminal justice system in delivering justice to victims and their families, as well as improved processes and practices for the future.

You can make a submission to the inquiry via:

- the inquiry webpage using the submissions portal
- Post addressed to **The Director, Portfolio Committee 1, Legislative Council, NSW Parliament, 6 Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000**
- Email portfoliocommittee1@parliament.nsw.gov.au

This can be a letter, personal account or more substantial document about your views and/or experiences. It can also be an audio submission if writing is too challenging.

It can be helpful to:

- introduce yourself and your background
- be clear, concise and relevant
- explain your experience with, involvement in and any insight you have into unsolved murders and long-term missing persons cases in New South Wales between 1965 and 2010
- suggest solutions or recommendations
- clearly state if you wish to share your experience in person with the committee.

Please contact us if you do not have access to a computer, have a disability or any other issues that prevent you from preparing a submission. If you are unable to submit by the due date of **29 May 2026**, 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).

The committee will then hold hearings which you may be invited to speak at.

What protections do I have as a submission author?

Submissions accepted by the committee are covered by parliamentary privilege, which means it cannot be used against you in any legal proceedings.

You can also request that what you send to the committee is fully confidential meaning only committee members will read it to help inform them.

The committee will not accept anonymous submissions.

How can I get further information?

If you have questions or would like further assistance, please call us or the relevant inquiry secretariat. Contact details are listed on each inquiry webpage.



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