



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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**MOTION**

**Referral to Community Support and Services Committee**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (4.15 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the Community Support and Services Committee inquire into and report to the Legislative Assembly by 31 October 2022 on:

- (a) changes to legislation and operational policing responses to decriminalise the public intoxication and begging offences in the Summary Offences Act 2005;
- (b) the compatibility of proposed legislative amendments, and health and social welfare based service delivery responses to public intoxication and begging, with rights protected under the Human Rights Act 2019;
- (c) the costs and benefits of responses to public intoxication and begging in other Australian jurisdictions;
- (d) the health and social welfare-based responses to public intoxication and begging necessary to support legislative amendments, having regard to existing responses, such as diversion services;
- (e) the impacts of decriminalising public intoxication and begging in rural and remote communities;
- (f) the design of health and social welfare-based responses that are culturally safe and appropriate and informed by First Nations people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and legal services and also representative bodies for seniors and people with a disability;
- (g) the appropriateness of other police powers and offences to ensure community safety and public order arising from public intoxication and begging, particularly in the context of events where there may be significant alcohol consumption;
- (h) how existing public messaging on the harm of alcohol and other drugs, including alcohol-related violence, can continue to be reinforced following the decriminalisation of public intoxication; and
- (i) the appropriateness of repealing the 'Urinating in a public place' offence under the Summary Offences Act 2005.