

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Public hearing into the management of NSW public housing maintenance contracts

The Public Accounts Committee will conduct a public hearing on Monday 9 May to examine the current management of public housing maintenance contracts.

Committee Chair, Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP, said "The Government provides housing for a significant number of tenants across New South Wales and the hearing provides an important opportunity to hear from public housing stakeholders."

"A broad cross section of the community will be present, including tenants, community housing providers, advocates for people living with disabilities, tenant advocates and landlords."

The Committee will consider how public housing is maintained, how private maintenance contracts are administered and the special maintenance requirements of the many public housing tenants who are aged or living with a disability.

"The Government has recently overhauled the public housing maintenance contract system in New South Wales and the Committee is particularly interested to hear stakeholder views about the maintenance arrangements," Mr Notley-Smith said.

Following the public hearing, the Public Accounts Committee will visit a number of public housing locations to see first-hand the issues that have been raised in submissions received as part of the inquiry.

Further information about the inquiry can be found on the Committee's webpage at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/publicaccounts.

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