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Inquiry into short-term holiday letting to hear further evidence in Sydney

The parliamentary inquiry into the adequacy of the regulation of short-term holiday letting in NSW will hold a third public hearing on 30 May 2016, Oatley MP Mark Coure, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Planning, announced today.

"The Committee has already received valuable evidence from the more than 200 people who made submissions, as well as the witnesses who attended the two previous public hearings," Mr Coure said.

"We have identified some issues the Committee wants to explore further before we formulate our recommendations."

The Committee has invited several stakeholders including Shoalhaven and Sutherland Councils, the Youth Hostels Association, the NSW Business Chamber, and the Holiday Letting Organisation Central Coast to be represented at the hearing.

"We are keen to hear from the witnesses about a number of issues including aspects of short-term letting in traditional holiday areas, the impact on traditional accommodation operators, the experience of letting agents in the current environment, and broad directions for the sharing economy," Mr Coure said.

The Committee will hold the public hearing at Parliament House on Monday 30 May 2016, commencing at 9.15am and finishing at 1.15pm.

"The general public and the media are welcome to attend to listen to the Committee's questions and the evidence presented," Mr Coure said.

"Following the public hearing, I am hopeful that the Committee will be able to report its findings and recommendations to the Parliament by the end of August 2016."

Further information about the inquiry can be obtained by visiting the Committee's website at: <u>http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/environmentandplanning</u>.

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