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### **Inquiry into short-term holiday letting is wrapping up soon**

The parliamentary inquiry into the adequacy of the regulation of short-term holiday letting in NSW is wrapping up its investigations, Oatley MP Mark Coure, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Planning, announced today.

“The Committee has been reviewing the evidence since its final public hearing in May,” Mr Coure said, “and we are close to finalising our recommendations to the NSW Government.”

More than 200 people and groups made submissions to the inquiry, and 49 witnesses gave verbal evidence to the Committee during its three public hearings held in Sydney and Tweed Heads.

“It has been important to hear from the broadest range of stakeholders possible,” Mr Coure said, “to make sure that we have the best possible understanding of people’s expectations and experiences.”

“The history and current framework of providing visitor accommodation in New South Wales is complex geographically, economically and socially. The regulations are not consistent from one council area to another, and with the advent of online letting platforms, the growth of the industry has outstripped the capacity of the current system to manage any problems.”

“On the whole, the industry is satisfying consumer demand for a new style of holiday accommodation,” Mr Coure said. “But there are examples of unacceptable impacts on neighbours and communities, and a lack of practical responses available to deal with rogue operators.”

Mr Coure expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed to the inquiry, and foreshadowed recommendations which target problem areas while allowing innovation to flourish.

“The Committee is looking closely at a number of specific areas where regulations need to be updated, including finding a sensible balance between the rights of strata property owners and their neighbours, and identifying opportunities to simplify the regulation of traditional accommodation businesses.”

“I also want to make sure that the powers available to manage the industry are clear and practical, are well understood by regulators, and can satisfy the community that they will do the job.”

Mr Coure said the Committee aims to table its report in the Parliament by the end of September.

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

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