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Can we deliver land and housing at the right price, when we want it, and in places we want to live?

A parliamentary inquiry is holding a public hearing to hear evidence about how to improve the NSW planning system, Tweed MP Mr Geoff Provest, Deputy Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Environment & Planning, announced today.

"The Committee has invited a broad group of stakeholders to answer questions about delivering land and housing across the state more efficiently and effectively," Mr Provest said.

The terms of reference for the inquiry were referred to the Committee in 2017 by the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning and Housing.

"We are keen to find ways for all the players across government and industry to collaborate so that decision making is streamlined, rules are simplified, costs are reduced, and land is released on time with the services people want," Mr Provest said.

The Committee received 46 detailed submissions from state and local governments, the community housing sector, the development industry, and professional bodies.

"Our planning system is complex, and requires transparency, clarity and cooperation to build affordable and liveable communities," Mr Provest said.

The Committee is keen to question the Greater Sydney Commission about its approach to working with all levels of government and the community to plan for and achieve metropolitan-wide goals.

"The Commission model points to ways to foster collaboration and overcome barriers in Sydney, and may have valuable lessons for planning across the rest of the state," Mr Provest said.

The Committee will hear from witnesses at Parliament House on Monday 5 March 2018, and hold a second public hearing at Campbelltown on Monday 26 March 2018.

Further information about the inquiry can be found on the Committee's website: http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/environmentplanning, or by contacting the Committee Secretariat on (02) 9230 3095.

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