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Committee to hear how to improve the NSW Government's Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places

Is the Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places operating effectively? Are there elements which could be done better? These are some of the questions the Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services is hoping to have answered when it conducts two public hearings in August as part of its inquiry into the Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places. Having considered submissions from the homelessness sector and community organisations, local councils, Government agencies and affected individuals, the Committee will now take oral evidence.

"The Committee has gotten some very insightful feedback about how the Protocol is operating to ensure that people experiencing homelessness are being appropriately supported and treated with respect and dignity" the Committee's Chair, Ms Wendy Lindsay MP, said.

"But now we want to speak directly with people, organisations and local councils about how they have observed or experienced, first-hand, the Protocol working in the real world and how it might be improved to better achieve its intended aims."

The first public hearing will be held on **Friday 7 August** and the second will be held on **Monday 17 August**, with both scheduled to commence at **9.00 am**.

With the Parliament currently being closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both hearings can be viewed via webcast:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>.

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