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Extension of closing date for submissions to the inquiry into workforce issues, workplace culture and funding for remote, rural and regional health

The Select Committee on Remote, Rural and Regional health has extended the closing date for submissions to its current inquiry until Friday 13 October.

The Committee is examining the implementation of recommendations from a <u>2022 Legislative</u> <u>Council inquiry</u>, and is currently focusing on recent government actions to address staff recruitment and retention, workplace culture, and funding for agencies, programs and incentives.

Committee Chair, Dr Joe McGirr MP, said: "The Committee wants to hear from stakeholders with experience in regional health, so we can understand what progress has been made to improve the health workforce, workplace culture and funding for remote, rural and regional health."

"We are extending the deadline for submissions by three weeks, and encourage all interested health care professionals, organisations and individuals with experience in rural health issues to make a contribution to this important inquiry".

More information, including the inquiry's terms of reference and how to make a submission, is available on the Committee's webpage.

NSW Health has also provided information to the Committee, regarding the actions it is taking in response to the Legislative Council recommendations, which is <u>available online</u> for stakeholders to consider.

Submissions are open until Friday 13 October 2023.

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