

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Joint Select Committee on the NSW Reconstruction Authority

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MEDIA RELEASE

Extension of closing date for submissions to the statutory review of the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022

The NSW Parliament's Joint Select Committee on the NSW Reconstruction Authority has extended the closing date for submissions to its statutory review into the <u>NSW Reconstruction Authority Act</u> <u>2022</u> until **Monday, 17 June 2024**.

This Act sets up the Authority as NSW's permanent state-wide agency dedicated to disaster preparedness, recovery and reconstruction. The Committee is established under section 93 of the Act, which also sets out its function to review the Act to assess whether the Act's policy objectives are still valid and if its terms remain appropriate to meet those objectives.

Mr Clayton Barr MP, Member for Cessnock and Committee Chair, said, "We want to make sure that the Authority is set up to effectively work with communities to prevent disasters. And, when disasters do happen, that the Authority has the legislative tools it needs to support communities to heal and rebuild. We owe it to the people of NSW that both the Act and the Authority are fit for purpose."

"In undertaking the review of the Act, the Committee would like to hear from those members of the community, local councils and other organisations who have engaged with the Authority."

More information about the Committee and the review of the Act, including the terms of reference, and how to make a submission, is available at the Committee's website <u>here</u>.

Submissions can be made to the statutory review up to Monday, 17 June 2024.

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