

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4

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## INQUIRY INTO THE APPROVAL OF THE LIVERPOOL DESIGNER OUTLETS CENTRE

Ms Jenny Gardiner MLC, Chair of the Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No 4, announced the commencement of an inquiry into the approval process for the Designer Outlets Centre at Orange Grove Road, Liverpool, following a meeting of the Committee this morning.

The inquiry was self-referred by the Committee. The terms of reference for the inquiry are attached to this press release.

The Committee has agreed to hold hearings on Friday 13 August and Monday 16 August, at which it will invite as witnesses individual shopkeepers and employees, shopping centre owners, current and former members of Liverpool Council, representatives of the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Natural Resources and other relevant witnesses. Ministers and members of Parliament will also be invited as witnesses.

The Committee also agreed to call for papers from the Department for Planning, Infrastructure and Natural Resources for a certain file and documents and minutes relating to the approval process.

Due to the current requirement that the Designer Outlet Centre close on 25 August, the Committee has only been able to provide a very short time for submissions to be received, with the closing date for submissions **11 August 2004**, so that hearings can commence.

The Committee will accept petitions as well as submissions, and will accept submissions after the closing date. The Committee report will be tabled on 1 September 2004.

Submissions or petitions should be sent to:

The Director, General Purpose Standing Committee No 4, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

Information about making a submission and details of hearings is also available on the Committees website at **www.parliament.nsw.gov.au**, or by ringing the secretariat on 02 9230 3544.

For comment ring Ms Jenny Gardiner, Committee Chair, 02 9230 2935, mobile 0428 475 502.