



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 3

MEDIA RELEASE

INQUIRY INTO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY OR SPECIAL NEEDS IN SCHOOLS

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An Upper House committee will conduct an inquiry into the provision of education to students with a disability or special needs in government and non-government schools in New South Wales.

The Deputy Chair of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3, the Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, said “This is a broad ranging inquiry, which will consider the equitable access to resources for students with disability or special needs in regional and metropolitan areas”.

“The committee will examine the adequacy of existing complaint and review mechanisms within the state’s schools systems for dealing with the treatment of children with disability or special needs”.

Mrs Maclaren-Jones commented “This inquiry will also look at developments since the 2010 Upper House inquiry into the provision of education to such students, and the impact of the Government’s ‘Every Student Every School’ policy”.

“We want to hear from the students, parents and people with direct experience in the education sector”.

The committee welcomes the participation of interested stakeholders and community members. Submissions to the inquiry will close on Sunday 29 January 2017, with public hearings taking place early next year.

For more information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and information about making a submission, please visit www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/specialneedsstudents.

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