

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 3

MEDIA RELEASE

Reminder: Submission deadline for Upper House inquiry into students with disability or special needs in schools

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As previously announced, an Upper House committee is conducting 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 closing date for submissions to the inquiry is Sunday 26 February 2017. Submissions may be lodged online at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/specialneedsstudents.

The Chair of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3, the Hon Michael Gallacher MLC, said "The Committee is keen to hear from as many stakeholders as possible, including those located in regional and rural areas".

The committee is examining a range of issues concerning students with disability or special needs in schools across the State.

Mr Gallacher commented "This inquiry will look at equitable access to resources, developments since the 2010 Upper House inquiry and the implementation of those recommendations, the impact of the Government's 'Every Student Every School' policy, and complaint and review mechanisms'.

Over the coming months the committee will hold a number of public hearings, including regional New South Wales.

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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