



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 3 – EDUCATION

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **First public hearings for the Upper House inquiry into students with a disability or special needs in NSW schools**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**24 March 2017**

The parliamentary committee inquiring into the education of students with a disability or special needs in New South Wales schools will hold its first two public hearings in Sydney on **Monday 27 March** and **Monday 3 April 2017**.

The committee will hear from a wide range of stakeholders at these hearings, including representatives of the Department of Education, non-government providers, parents and carers, principals and teachers, private service providers, union representatives, academics and advocacy groups.

The chair of the committee, the Hon Michael Gallacher MLC, said: “The committee has received a large number of submissions covering numerous issues critical to our inquiry, including equitable access, the ‘Every Student, Every School’ policy, and complaint and review mechanisms. These hearings will give the committee the opportunity to discuss these issues in more detail, to hear from stakeholders about their experiences, and to understand how the system can be improved”.

The first two public hearings will take place at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney, and can also be accessed via the Parliament [webcast](#).

The committee will hold further public hearings for the inquiry, including in regional areas, during May and June 2017.

The schedules for each public hearing, along with other information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and submissions, will be available on the committee’s [website](#).

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