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

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The parliamentary committee inquiring into the education of students with a disability or special needs in New South Wales schools will hold two regional public hearings in Newcastle and the Illawarra on **Monday 8 May** and **Friday 19 May 2017** respectively.

The committee will hear from a wide range of stakeholders at these hearings, including teachers, parents, schools, advocacy groups, allied health organisations and local representatives of the Department of Education.

The Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education, the Hon Lou Amato MLC, said: “The committee looks forward to hearing from stakeholders based in and around Newcastle and the Illawarra. These hearings will give the committee the opportunity to hear directly about the issues faced by students with disability and special needs, their families, and schools, particularly in regional New South Wales”.

The Newcastle hearing on 8 May will take place in **Morrow Room I, Novotel Newcastle Beach, Newcastle**, from 10.00 am. The Illawarra hearing on 19 May will take place in the **Tasman Room, The Shellharbour Club, Shellharbour**, from 10.00 am. Both hearings are open to the public.

The committee will hold further public hearings for the inquiry, including another regional hearing, during 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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