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INQUIRY INTO THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

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A parliamentary committee has launched an inquiry into the fire and emergency services levy.

The Hon Robert Borsak, Chair of the Committee said: ‘The new fire and emergency services levy was due to be implemented on 1 July 2017 but has been put on hold due to concerns about inequities in the application of the *Fire and Emergency Services Levy Act 2017*. This inquiry will examine the Act including the financial modelling underpinning it and its implications for all stakeholders.

The committee will also be considering alternative models for funding these services. Mr Borsak stated: ‘It is essential that fire and emergency services are adequately funded. However, any system must be fair and in the best interests of the community, our emergency services and other stakeholders. At the conclusion of this inquiry, the committee hopes to make sound recommendations for the best way forward’.

Stakeholders are invited to make a submission to the inquiry by Sunday 26 November 2017.

More information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, can be found on the committee’s website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/fireandemergencyserviceslevy.

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