PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## INQUIRY INTO THE PRICE OF FRESH FOOD IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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An Upper House inquiry has been established to examine the price of fresh food in New South Wales.

Committee Chairman, Revd the Hon Fred Nile, MLC, said, 'this inquiry will examine trends in the pricing of fresh food in New South Wales compared to both domestic and international markets'.

'The committee will also consider the relationship between wholesale prices paid to farmers and the retail price paid by consumers, as well as payment arrangements between growers, wholesalers and fresh food retailers'.

Revd Nile added, 'the prevalence of food insecurity across the state, the identification of "food deserts", and the impact on fresh food prices of industry, competition and the environment will also be examined'.

The committee welcomes the participation of interested stakeholders and community members. Submissions to the inquiry are due by Friday 25 May 2018 with public hearings to take place shortly after.

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the committee's website.

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