



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 4 – LEGAL AFFAIRS

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THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY HEARINGS

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The first hearing for the Upper House inquiry into the fire and emergency services levy is on Monday 13 August 2018 in the Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney. The second hearing will be held on Monday 20 August 2018 in the McKell Room, Parliament House, Sydney. Both hearings are open to the public and will be webcast via the Parliament's website.

The Hon Robert Borsak, Chair of the Committee said: 'The fire and emergency services levy was due to be implemented on 1 July 2017 but was put on hold due to concerns about inequities in the application of the *Fire and Emergency Services Levy Act 2017*. This inquiry is examining the Act, including the financial modelling underpinning it, and will consider alternative models for funding fire and emergency services.'

The committee will hear from NSW Treasury, the NSW Valuer General, the Insurance Council of Australia, the National Insurance Brokers Association, Insurance Group Australia, Local Government NSW, the NSW Revenue Professionals, the NSW Rural Fire Service Association and Penrith City Council.

Further information about the inquiry, including the hearing schedules, can be found on the committee's website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/fireandemergencyserviceslevy.

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