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INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF PORT OF NEWCASTLE SALE ARRANGEMENTS ON PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The NSW Legislative Council's Public Works Committee has commenced an inquiry into the impact of Port of Newcastle sale arrangements on public works expenditure in New South Wales.

The Hon Robert Brown MLC of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party, committee chair, stated: 'The committee will be looking into the extent that current limitations on container port operations contribute to increased pressure on transport and freight infrastructure in New South Wales. The nature and status of the port commitment deeds will also be examined, as well as to what extent container port limitations contribute to additional costs for industries who are importing or exporting from New South Wales.'

Mr Brown continued, 'The committee will hold one public hearing in late January and will table its report by the end of February. The committee is currently accepting submissions with a closing date of 6 January 2019. We welcome all interested parties to make a submission.'

Submissions should be lodged online on the inquiry's [website](#).

For further information on the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the committee's [website](#).

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Brown MLC, on 9230 2573.