



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 – HEALTH

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SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR INQUIRY INTO HEALTH SERVICES IN THE SOUTH-WEST SYDNEY GROWTH REGION

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An Upper House inquiry has been established to inquire into the current and future provision of health services in the South-West Sydney Growth Region.

Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health, the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC said: “According to government forecasts, South-West Sydney is set to grow at a faster rate compared with the growth rate for Sydney overall. This will be accelerated by the delivery of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, which will bring jobs, new homes and more people to the region. This inquiry provides a timely forum to consider whether investment in health services and infrastructure in the South-West Sydney growth region is keeping up with current and projected population growth.”

Through this inquiry, the committee will examine the adequacy and efficacy of existing health services in South-West Sydney, looking at current levels of service in mental, community and allied health as well as preventative health programs, such as childhood obesity. The inquiry will also consider the future health infrastructure needs of the region, taking an outlook to 2050, including the feasibility of a new hospital to service the region's growing population.

“This is an opportunity to gather information on health investment and patient outcomes in South-West Sydney and consider the level of health services needed to support the growing region”, Mr Donnelly added.

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders and members of the community. The closing date for submissions is 22 March 2020 with public hearings to take place later in the year. For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and hearing dates and locations, please visit the committee's [website](#).

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