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INQUIRY INTO BUILDING REGULATIONS CONTINUES

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The Upper House Public Accountability Committee continues with its inquiry into the regulation of building standards, building quality and building disputes. The committee will be holding two further hearings this year and plans to table its second report by 14 May 2020.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr David Shoebridge MLC said, "The committee handed down its first report late last year, making 19 recommendations to the government. However, we are still extremely concerned with the breadth of issues currently plaguing the construction industry. The committee continues to hear dreadful accounts of homeowners who are financially and emotionally impacted due to shoddy building practices and a complete lack of government building regulation."

Mr Shoebridge continued, "The committee now takes its inquiry to Newcastle to consider the extent of the problems the building industry is facing in that region. At this hearing, the committee will be speaking with local councils, the Better Planning Network and home owners struggling with defects in their buildings. The following week the committee will hear from individuals currently operating in the industry and will again hear from the Building Commissioner and representatives from NSW Fair Trading."

Details of the hearings are:

Thursday 20 February 2020

Hunter Room, Newcastle City Hall, Newcastle
11.00 am to 3.15 pm

Monday 24 February 2020

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney
1.45 pm to 4.30 pm

Both hearings are open to the public with the Sydney hearing webcast live via the Parliament's [website](#). For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, and submissions received, please visit the committee's website at: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/publicaccountability>.

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