REGULATION COMMITTEE

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New inquiry into whether SEPPs should be disallowable

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An Upper House Committee has today launched a new inquiry into whether environmental planning instruments, known as SEPPs, should be disallowable by the Legislative Council.

The Regulation Committee Chair, the Hon Mick Veitch MLC, said: "The committee's recent report on the making of delegated legislation documented the exclusion of certain legislative instruments from disallowance, or veto, by the House. SEPPs are a case in point, as currently these important instruments, which address significant planning issues across the state, cannot be disallowed by the Legislative Council."

The Chair continued: 'This inquiry will provide an opportunity for the committee to shine a light on this scrutiny gap. The committee will also consider how SEPPs are made under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, including whether the NSW Government Guide to Better Regulation is adhered to when SEPPs are being developed."

Have your say

The committee is receiving submissions until 19 May 2021. For information about the inquiry, including the committee membership and terms of reference, please visit the committee's <u>website</u>.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon Mick Veitch MLC, on 9230 2714.