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COVID-19: Roadmap out of lockdown to be examined at parliamentary hearing on Thursday 23 September

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Issues relating to NSW's roadmap out of lockdown will be explored at a further public hearing this Thursday 23 September 2021 of the parliamentary inquiry into the circumstances of the current COVID-19 outbreak and its management by the state government – with witnesses including the Doherty Institute's Director of Epidemiology.

Chair of the committee Mr David Shoebridge MLC said, "The committee is undertaking this further hearing to examine the roadmap out of the lockdown, including the restrictions that will be eased as the state hits specific vaccination targets and the modelling behind the roadmap. A particular focus of the committee will be the roadmap out of lockdown for schools, school children and their families."

Witnesses appearing before the committee on Thursday include:

- Senior representatives of the NSW Treasury and Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Senior representatives of the Department of Education
- Prof Jodie McVernon of the Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity.

The committee is seeking a further hearing the following Thursday, 30 September 2021 with Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant and NSW Health representatives to examine the modelling of health outcomes resulting from the roadmap out of lockdown, including the assumptions around COVID-19 infection and hospitalisation rates.

This Thursday's hearing will be held virtually, in the interests of the COVID safety of witnesses, committee members and staff. It will be broadcast live starting at 11.30 am on the Parliament's website at www.bit.ly/webcastnsw and subsequently uploaded for later viewing on the Parliament's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/NSWParliament.

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