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Upper House Committee to hear from KPMG representatives and former Transport secretary at hearing into the Transport Asset Holding Entity

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The Public Accountability Committee will hear from KPMG representatives and former Transport Secretary, Mr Rodd Staples, at its next hearing into the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) on Monday 15 November 2021.

The committee will begin questioning with Ms Heather Watson, Partner, KPMG, who authored one of two reports on the Transport Asset Holding Entity. Ms Watson will be joined by Mr Paul Low, a senior national leader at the firm.

Chair of the Public Accountability Committee, Mr David Shoebridge MLC, said: "This hearing follows the hearing held earlier this week where the committee heard from Mr Brendan Lyon, a former Partner at KPMG, who left the firm after he authored a report which indicated that the TAHE would not be financially viable. The committee was concerned to hear about conflicts of interest ahead of the establishment of the TAHE, and the behaviour of some senior public servants in the process."

The committee will then hear from Mr Rodd Staples, who was the Secretary for Transport for NSW when the TAHE was established.

The committee is set to publish its final report by February 2022.

Hearing details

The hearing will be broadcast live on the NSW Parliament's website from **9.30 am** next **Monday 15 November 2021**: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>

A hearing schedule is available on the committee's website:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2819#tab-hearingsandtranscripts>

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