

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE RESPONSE TO MAJOR FLOODING ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES IN 2022

MEDIA RELEASE

NSW Upper House committee travels to Windsor tomorrow for inquiry into major floods

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The NSW Parliament Upper House Select Committee on the Response to Major Flooding across New South Wales in 2022 will be visiting Windsor tomorrow to hear from the local community affected by the recent major floods in the region.

The Upper House inquiry is completely independent from the NSW Government initiated inquiry, and is seeking a range of views from the community on the government's preparation for, and response to, major floods.

The committee will begin with a public <u>hearing</u>, with invited witnesses including local MPs, mayors and local business representative bodies. Witnesses include Ms Susan Templeman MP, Member for Macquarie, Ms Robyn Preston MP, Member for Hawkesbury and Cr Patrick Conolly, Mayor of Hawkesbury City Council.

The committee will then hold a public <u>forum</u> where invited members of the public will share their story. The forum will provide flood-affected community members an opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences with the NSW Parliament Upper House committee.

Details for the hearing and forum are as follows:

Date	Location	Public hearing	Public Forum
Friday 3 June 2022	Windsor RSL Club	2.00 pm	4.00 pm

Committee Chair and Shadow Minister for the North Coast, the Hon Walt Secord MLC said: "The committee looks forward to meeting the local community at the Windsor RSL. The committee has just concluded hearings and forums on the North Coast which have been immensely valuable. We are hoping to gather evidence in Western Sydney to get a full view of the impacts of these floods."

The Select Committee on the Response to Major Flooding across New South Wales in 2022 is an inquiry established by the Upper House of the NSW Parliament. The committee comprises seven members of Parliament from the opposition, crossbench and government. The committee will gather evidence through submissions, site visits, an online questionnaire, public hearings and public forums, and produce a report by Tuesday 9 August 2022 with recommendations to the government.

Hearing and forum details

The hearings and public forums will be broadcast live on the NSW Parliament's website: <u>https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx</u>

Hearing schedules for each day will be available on the committee's website: <u>https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/listofcommittees/Pages/committee-details.aspx?pk=277</u>

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