



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 7 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPRIETY AGAINST AGENTS OF THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL AND PROPERTY DEVELOPERS IN THE REGION

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
8 DECEMBER 2022**

The Upper House Portfolio Committee No. 7 – Planning and Environment has today established a new inquiry into allegations of impropriety against agents of The Hills Shire Council and property developers in the region.

The committee will inquire and report on matters in regards to the Hills Shire Council and property developers in the region, in particular:

- a) any matters relating to the integrity, processes of Council, employees and elected officials of council
- b) the matters relating to The Hills Shire Council raised by the Member for Castle Hill in a speech to the Parliament on 23 June 2022
- c) the role and influence of developers and their interactions with councillors and members of parliament in the region, and
- d) any other related matter.

The committee is due to table its report by 2 March 2023.

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders and members of the community. Submissions are due by 22 January 2023, and can be lodged via the inquiry [webpage](#).

The committee intends to hold public hearings in February 2023.

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference can be found on the committee's [webpage](#).

-ENDS-

For further information please contact Committee Chair, Ms Sue Higginson MLC, on 9230 3030