



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **STATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO VISIT REGIONAL COMMUNITIES 26 AND 27 JULY 2023**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**24 July 2023**

A standing committee from the NSW Upper House will be visiting Tumut and Armidale between Wednesday 26 July and Thursday 27 July 2023 as part of the inquiry into the feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects in New South Wales.

The committee is holding a public hearing on Wednesday 26 July at the Tumut Golf Club with invited witnesses, from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm. The committee will then hold a public forum to provide members of the community an opportunity to voice their opinion, from 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm. Following the forum, the hearing will resume and have one final session from 4.30 until 5.00 pm.

The committee will also hold a public hearing in Armidale the following day on Thursday 27 July 2023, at the Armidale City Bowling Club, from 10.30 am to 3.15 pm.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Emily Suvaal MLC, said: 'We have already received hundreds of written submissions from the community and various organisations regarding this inquiry. Community input is vital so we can make recommendations to the government on what will work best for the people of New South Wales. The committee wants to know community concerns regarding overhead transmission lines and understand the cost and benefits of putting that infrastructure underground.'

Further details of the public hearings and forum will be published on the inquiry webpage as they become available.

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

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