

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS

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INQUIRY INTO CURRENT AND FUTURE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NEEDS IN WESTERN SYDNEY

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An Upper House inquiry has been established to inquire into current and future public transport needs in Western Sydney.

Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC, Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and the Arts, said: 'This inquiry will examine the availability and accessibility of public transport across Western Sydney, as well as the changing nature of public transport needs in the area due to population growth and development.'

The Chair continued: 'The committee is also interested in exploring ways to improve access to public transport, and to reduce dependency on private vehicles.'

'The committee will also consider public transport affordability compared with other areas of Greater Sydney and New South Wales, and the adequacy of connectivity between public transport hubs and commercial hubs and any gaps in services' Ms Faehrmann added.

The committee invites interested individuals to have their say through its <u>online questionnaire</u>. Other stakeholders, including small businesses, industry and community groups, and government bodies are encouraged to lodge a submission online.

The closing date for submissions and the <u>online questionnaire</u> is 18 September 2023, with committee activity to follow later in the year. For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the committee <u>website</u>.

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