



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE INQUIRY INTO CURRENT AND FUTURE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NEEDS IN WESTERN SYDNEY

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On Monday 4 December 2023, the Upper House Committee examining the current and future public transport needs in Western Sydney will hold its first public hearing.

At the hearing, the committee will hear from industry bodies, community groups, local councils and unions across Sydney's west.

Ms Cate Faehrmann, Chair of the Committee said: "The first hearing will be a critical part of the evidence gathering process and will be an opportunity for witnesses to have their views heard regarding how public transport can be improved for Western Sydney residents".

Ms Faehrmann added: "We look forward to hearing from those stakeholders who understand the importance of, and advocate for, better public transport across Western Sydney. This inquiry comes at a time when there's a lot of pressure on Western Sydney to accommodate more housing".

"Many of the submissions have already highlighted just how car dependent many Western Sydney residents are due to the lack of public and active transport options. They're also urging the government to ensure that any new suburbs and developments are well-connected to public transport" Ms Faehrmann continued.

"Having received a range of submissions, the Committee intends to explore this issue further with an additional hearing in Western Sydney in the new year", Ms Faehrmann concluded.

Hearing details

The hearing will be held on Monday 4 December 2023 from 9.00 am until 5.00 pm in the Macquarie Room at NSW Parliament House.

The hearing will be open to the public, and live streamed on the NSW Parliament's website:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>.

For more information about the inquiry, including further hearings, please visit the inquiry [webpage](#).

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