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INQUIRY INTO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS

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An Upper House committee will conduct an inquiry into the current levels of access and attainment for children and young people with disability within the New South Wales education system.

The Chair of the Committee, Ms Abigail Boyd MLC, said 'This inquiry is concerned with the experiences of children and young people with disability across various educational settings within NSW and the ways in which the NSW Government can ensure principles of equity and inclusion for all participants within our education system.'

'It is the committee's hope that this inquiry will help guide the NSW Government response to the damning findings of the Disability Royal Commission, as well as help navigate the new policy framework of the recently published NDIS review.'

Ms Boyd continued: 'This inquiry will consider the experiences of children and young people with disability in a range of educational settings, as well as those of teachers, educators and support staff with a role in educating children with disability. It will examine the barriers to safe, quality and inclusive education, the impact of existing policies, and the adequacy of resources and supports available to educators and families. The specific needs of those in regional, rural and remote educating settings will also be considered.'

'With the Disability Royal Commission having now concluded, it is timely to consider measures to implement the Commission's recommendations regarding inclusive education. These issues have become all the more pressing with the recently announced changes to the NDIS. The inquiry is intended to help the NSW Government navigate these changing circumstances in a way that ensures that our education system is safe and inclusive for all children, their families and educators,' added Ms Boyd.

Members of the community are invited to contribute to the new inquiry.

Have your say

The committee invites interested individuals and organisations to have their say through a simple online questionnaire coming soon or by making a full written submission via the 'submissions tab' on the inquiry [webpage](#).

The website contains further information about the inquiry, including the committee members and terms of reference. **Both the online questionnaire and submissions portal close on Thursday 29 February 2024.**

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