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# INQUIRY INTO THE PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES

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The Legislative Council's Portfolio Committee No. 7 has adopted an amended terms of reference for its inquiry into the planning system and the impacts of climate change on the environment and communities and is calling for further public submissions from First Nations stakeholders.

The Chair of the committee, Ms Sue Higginson said: "The amended terms of reference adopted by the committee makes clear that we want to listen to and learn from Aboriginal voices and experiences to better inform planning outcomes in NSW."

Ms Higginson continued: "First Nations stakeholders have important perspectives on the use of our land and the committee wants to ensure we take this into account in looking at how the planning system can best protect people and the natural environment from climate change impacts and changing landscapes."

Submissions are open only in relation to clause (e) of the terms of reference, and may be lodged via the [committee's website](#) until 30 April 2024.

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