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REGIONAL HEARINGS FOR 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 will visit the South Coast, Western Sydney and Northern Beaches in May 2024, as part of its inquiry into the planning system and the impacts of climate change on the environment and communities.

The committee will hold public hearings to receive evidence from local councils, community organisations and local Aboriginal land councils, and undertake visits to several sites identified through submissions as being of concern.

The Chair of the committee, Ms Sue Higginson MLC said: "These visits will be an opportunity for the committee to hear directly from councils and people on the ground in their local communities about the impacts of developments on the environment in their areas."

"The committee will see first-hand the developments that may be placing people and the environment at risk, as a result of climate change, natural disasters and other factors, and looks forward to hearing how the planning system can better serve these communities."

Hearing details

South Coast: the first hearing will be held on 2 May 2024 from 1.00 pm until 2.30 pm in the Biamanga Room, Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre. The second hearing will be held on 3 May 2024 from 9.00 am until 12.30pm in the Studio, Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.

Western Sydney: this hearing will be held on Monday, 6 May 2024 in the Opal and Emerald Room, Campbelltown RSL.

Northern Beaches: this hearing will be held on Friday, 10 May 2024 in the Oaks Room, Dee Why RSL.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearings, which 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, please visit the [inquiry webpage](#).

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