



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

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HEARINGS CONTINUE FOR THE INQUIRY INTO THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO FUND INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

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28 MAY 2024

Hearings continue on Wednesday 29 May 2024 and Monday 3 June 2024 for the inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services.

The Standing Committee on State Development will hear from representatives from various local councils across metropolitan Sydney and the Hunter, NSW local government associations, and other stakeholders.

The Chair, the Hon Emily Suvaal MLC, said 'Through the submissions received, we've seen a range of perspectives from various stakeholders, including ratepayers, local councils and associations. The hearings are another valuable opportunity for participants to offer further insight into the financial challenges being experienced by the local government sector.'

The Chair continued: 'Each local government area across New South Wales has their own unique challenges and needs. This inquiry will examine whether the current financial framework and levels of service delivery are sustainable, and meet the needs of local communities, with regard to the outcomes for ratepayers, councils, and council staff.'

The committee will hold further hearings in regional NSW later in June.

Hearing details

The next public hearing will be broadcast live on the NSW Parliament's website from **9.15 am** on **Wednesday 29 May 2024**: [Webcasts \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/webcasts)

A hearing schedule is available on the committee's website: [Ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/webcasts)

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