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

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Regional hearings continue on Monday 15 July 2024 for the inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services. The Standing Committee on State Development will hold a hearing in Albury to hear from representatives from various local councils across the area.

The Chair, the Hon Emily Suvaal MLC, said: 'The committee recently heard from local councils at hearings in Lismore, Tamworth and Dubbo and acknowledges the valuable input and unique perspective regional councils bring to this inquiry. The hearings held so far are an important step in examining the financial challenges faced by the local government sector in regional New South Wales, and the level of income councils require to adequately meet the needs of their communities.'

The Chair continued: 'Each local government area has its own distinct challenges so it is important we hear from a range of metropolitan and regional councils, who can offer valuable insight into the financial and service delivery needs of their communities. As the level of government closest to the people of New South Wales, we need to ensure any recommendations arising out of this inquiry will serve all communities across the state.'

The committee will hold a further hearing in Sydney at the end of July. Further details will be published on the inquiry webpage as they become available.

Hearing details

The next public hearing will be broadcast live on the NSW Parliament's website from **9.00 am on Monday 15 July 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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