



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 4 - REGIONAL NSW

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UPCOMING HEARING FOR NSW PARLIAMENT INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES ON RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES AND INDUSTRIES

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The Upper House committee for regional New South Wales will be visiting the New England Renewable Energy Zone as part of its inquiry into the impact of Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) on rural and regional communities and industries in New South Wales.

The committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday 17 July at Armidale Bowling Club. The committee will hear from various stakeholders including members of the community, farmers, resident groups and four local councils about the potential impacts of renewable energy developments. The committee will also conduct site visits to several properties and a renewable energy project.

The Chair, Mark Banasiak MLC, stated: "We have received numerous submissions from the community and organisations about the potential impacts of renewable energy projects. We are looking forward to the opportunity to further our understanding of local concerns about REZs, as well as learning more about the potential of renewable energy projects."

To view the Armidale hearing schedule, please visit the inquiry [webpage](#).

The hearing is open to the public and will be live-streamed on the Parliament [website](#).

For further information please contact Committee Chairman, the Hon. Mark Banasiak MLC, on 9230 2573

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