



Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

INQUIRY FIRST: ONLINE CONSULTATION FOR BULLYING INQUIRY

In a first for a NSW Legislative Council committee, the Chair of General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2, the Hon Robyn Parker MLC, has announced an online consultation as part of the Inquiry into the Bullying of Children and Young People.

‘The Committee is committed to innovative methods for engaging stakeholders in the parliamentary process. The online consultation, publicised and conducted using social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace, will give us a new method to communicate with young people and hear their views. Social networking sites are now a common form of communication for young people and this consultation will allow participants to remain anonymous,’ Robyn Parker said.

‘This will be the first time that the NSW Legislative Council has used the Internet as a means of consultation and we are keen to give young people the opportunity to assist the Committee in shaping solutions.’

The Committee will also conduct a series of consultations with children and young people, that will cover the issues raised in the terms of reference, including the causes and impact of bullying, and ways to address it.

The consultations will involve:

- Youth Advisory Council (YAC) – young people aged 15-22 years from across NSW, who advise the Minister for Youth on youth issues.
- Young People’s Reference Group – young people aged 12-17 years from across NSW, who advise the Commissioner for Children and Young People on youth issues.
- Minto Kids’ Council – children aged 9-11 years from primary schools in the Minto area, established as part of the Working Together in Minto Project.
- Rozelle and William Dean Public Schools – public primary schools with best-practice approaches to bullying.
- Casimir Catholic College, Marrickville – Catholic high school with a best-practice approach to bullying.

**Further details regarding the online consultation will be released soon,
including when we go ‘live’.**

For comment

Contact Robyn Parker, Committee Chair on (02) 9230 3332 or 0427 015 049.

Further information

See the Committee’s website www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2 or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 9230 3544.