



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**12 May 2014**

A parliamentary committee is coming to Tamworth and Dubbo to hear the local community's views on social, public and affordable housing.

Committee Chair, the Hon Paul Green MLC said, "The Committee is interested in the supply and demand of social, public and affordable housing in regional areas, and would like to gain a better understanding of the link between the lack of appropriate housing of this type and indicators of social disadvantage."

"The lack of shelter and housing can lead to a number of adverse social and economic outcomes for people." Mr Green continued, "That is why we will be considering options that increase the supply of this type of housing. At the same time we will be examining how to improve social service integration to support tenants' livelihoods and wellbeing."

Mr Green emphasised the committee's keen interest in engaging with relevant stakeholders. "We are holding regional hearings in Tamworth and Dubbo and a public forum in Dubbo. Everyone is welcome to attend the public hearings or to register to address the Committee at the public forum," Mr Green added.

Individuals interested in addressing the Committee at the public forum should email [social.housing@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:social.housing@parliament.nsw.gov.au) with their name, phone number and a short statement on why they want to address the committee. Hearing and forum details are outlined below.

### **Tuesday 20 May**

Dawson Room 1, Best Western Sanctuary Inn, 293 Marius St, Tamworth  
Public hearing: 2.45 pm-5.30 pm

### **Wednesday 21 May**

Half Auditorium, Dubbo RSL Club, Cnr Brisbane & Wingewarra St, Dubbo  
Public hearing: 12.00 am-1.30 pm                      Public forum: 2.15 pm-3.15 pm

**For more information, including hearing schedules, please visit the Committee's website: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/socialhousing](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/socialhousing).**

*For further media comment, please contact Committee Chair Hon Paul Green MLC, on 9230 3484*

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