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**Legislative Council
General Purpose Standing Committee No 2**

**Inquiry into Changes to Post School Programs for
Young Adults with a Disability**

COMMITTEE TO VISIT NEWCASTLE

The Chair of General Purpose Standing Committee No 2, the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC has announced that a consultation and site visits will be held in Newcastle on 3 June 2005, as part of the Committee's inquiry into post school programs for young adults with a disability.

"The Inquiry has come about because of the decision of the Minister for Disability Services to end the ATLAS program for young adults and school leavers with a disability and replace it with new programs," Mrs Forsythe said.

"In particular, the Inquiry provides an opportunity to examine the eligibility and assessment criteria associated with the new programs, which will affect many people across the State."

The Inquiry was self-referred by the Committee. The terms of reference for the Inquiry can be found on the Committee's website www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2.

On 3 June the Committee will travel to Newcastle to hold a consultation with young adults with a disability who use post school programs. The Committee will also visit organisations providing services to young adults with a disability. Details of the Committee's schedule will be announced closer to the visit.

"This is an opportunity for people from regional areas to become directly involved in the Inquiry and share their knowledge, views and experience with the Committee," Mrs Forsythe said.

If you wish to participate in the Committee's visit, please call the Committee Secretariat on (02) 9230 3544 or e-mail gpscno2@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

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