



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT – HEARINGS IN PORT MACQUARIE AND GRAFTON

Committee examines the management of public land in New South Wales

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A Parliamentary Committee will visit Port Macquarie and Grafton to investigate the operational, economic, social and environmental impacts of converting Crown Land, State Forests and other agricultural land into National Park estate. In particular, the Committee will visit national parks and state forests in the area and engage with individuals and groups who have been affected by the transfer of land to National Parks and conservation areas.

“The Committee has received around 400 written submissions from all over New South Wales. We have heard from a number of residents and groups on the north coast of New South Wales, particularly from around Port Macquarie and Grafton areas”, explains the Chair of the Committee, the Hon. Robert Brown MLC.

“Given the level of public interest in the area, I am pleased to announce that the Committee will hold public hearings, one in Port Macquarie and one in Grafton, so that residents from these areas can have their say on this important issue.”

The hearing details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 4 October 2012
Time: Panther’s, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
Venue: 9am – 2.45pm

Date: Friday, 5 October 2012
Time: Grafton District Services Club, 105 Mary Street, Grafton
Venue: 9am – 3.30pm

The list of witnesses is available on the Committee’s website. The hearing is open to the public and interested persons are encouraged to attend as audience members.

The Committee is holding one more public hearing at Parliament House in Sydney. The Committee has already held public hearings in Deniliquin, Bourke and Coonabarabran as well as two previous public hearings at Parliament House in Sydney.

For more information, including access to written submissions, please visit the Committee's website – www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc5.

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