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GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 6

MEDIA RELEASE

Have your say on local government in New South Wales and the 'Fit for the Future' reform agenda

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The parliamentary committee inquiring into local government in NSW will hold public forums following its hearings in Sydney and Armidale on 10 and 18 August 2015.

The committee is currently seeking participants to speak at the forum. The Chair of the committee, Hon Paul Green MLC, said:

'I encourage people to come and express their views on the 'Fit for the Future' reform agenda and potential council amalgamations. It is essential to give local government and communities the opportunity to discuss these significant reform proposals. In particular, the committee would like to hear from interested groups and individuals about the potential impacts the decision to amalgamate councils may have on communities'.

Mr Green continued: 'We would like to hear from as many people as possible, so each speaker will be given 5 minutes to address the committee'.

The Sydney forum will be held on 10 August 2015 from 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm in the Macquarie Room, Parliament House. People interested in speaking at the forum should email their name, phone number and a short statement of why they want to address the committee to: <u>gpsc6@parliament.nsw.gov.au</u> by Wednesday 5 August 2015.

Details for the Armidale forum will be posted on the committee's website once they become available.

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and submissions, is also available on the committee's website: <u>www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/localgovernment</u>

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