GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 6

MEDIA RELEASE

Armidale and surrounds: 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 a public forum following its hearing in Armidale on 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 regional communities the opportunity to discuss these significant reform proposals. In particular, the committee would like to hear from interested groups and individuals about the impacts that council amalgamations 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 forum will be held on 18 August 2015 from 3.45 pm until 4.15 pm in the Tops Room, Armidale City Bowling Club, 92-96 Dumaresq Street. 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: gpsc6@parliament.nsw.gov.au by Wednesday 12 August 2015.

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

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