



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

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

COMMITTEE TO VISIT ARMIDALE & TAMWORTH

The Chair of General Purpose Standing Committee No 2, the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC has announced that site visits and a parent forum will be held in Armidale and Tamworth on 17 May 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 17 May the Committee will travel to Armidale and Tamworth to visit organisations providing services to young adults with a disability, and will hold a parent forum in Armidale. Details of the Committee's schedule will be announced closer to the visit.

"This is an opportunity for people from rural and 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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