



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CLOSURE OR DOWNSIZING OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW FACILITIES

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# **PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY TO EXAMINE CLOSURE OR DOWNSIZING OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW FACILITIES**

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On 6 September 2012, the NSW Legislative Council established a select committee to conduct an inquiry into the closure or downsizing of Corrective Services NSW facilities. The Select Committee will be chaired by the Hon Paul Green MLC, of the Christian Democratic Party, and also includes representatives of the Coalition, the Labor Party, and the Shooters and Fishers Party.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Paul Green said of the Inquiry, 'The Committee will examine the basis for the decision to close or downsize any Corrective Services NSW facilities, and what consultation was undertaken prior to these decisions being made. We will also consider the costs associated with the closure or downsizing of each facility and the relocation of the prisoner population to other locations.'

'The closure or downsizing of Corrective Services NSW facilities will clearly have an impact on the communities that support these facilities, particularly in regional and rural areas. We therefore also intend to examine the impact of such decisions on staff and their families, as well as on the families of Indigenous inmates.'

'The Committee will hold a number of public hearings over the course of the Inquiry to hear the perspectives of a wide variety of stakeholders impacted by these decisions,' Mr Green said. 'We hope to table our final report by the middle of 2013.'

The Committee encourages interested parties to make a submission by Wednesday 7 November 2012. For more about the Inquiry, including terms of reference, updates and information on how to make a submission, please visit the Committee's website at: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/correctiveservices](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/correctiveservices).