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SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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A parliamentary committee is coming to Nowra and Wollongong to hear the local community's views on social, public and affordable housing.

Committee Chair, the Hon Paul Green MLC said, "The Committee is interested in the supply and demand of social, public and affordable housing in regional areas, and would like to gain a better understanding of the link between the lack of appropriate housing of this type and indicators of social disadvantage."

"The lack of shelter and housing can lead to a number of adverse social and economic outcomes for people." Mr Green continued, "That is why we will be considering options that increase the supply of this type of housing. At the same time we will be examining how to improve social service integration to support tenants' livelihoods and wellbeing."

Mr Green emphasised the committee's keen interest in engaging with relevant stakeholders. "We are holding regional hearings and public forums, starting in Nowra and Wollongong. Everyone is welcome to attend the public hearings or register to address the Committee at the public forums," Mr Green added.

Individuals interested in addressing the Committee should email social.housing@parliament.nsw.gov.au with their name, phone number and a short statement on why they want to address the committee. Hearing details are outlined below.

Wednesday 30 April

Sunrise Room, Bomaderry Bowling Club, 154 Meroo Road, Bomaderry

Public hearing: 1.00 pm-4.15 pm

Public forum: 4.30 pm-5.30 pm

Thursday 1 May

Winners Room, WIN Stadium, Corner Crown & Harbour Streets, Wollongong

Public hearing: 11.45 am-3.00 pm

Public forum: 3.15 pm-4.15 pm

For more information, including hearing schedules, please visit the Committee's website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/socialhousing.

For further media comment, please contact Committee Chair Hon Paul Green MLC, on 9230 3484

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