



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
Committee on Law and Safety

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**Law and Safety Committee to hear from communities
in the Mid North Coast region**

The Committee on Law and Safety is continuing its inquiry into community safety in regional and rural communities with a public hearing in Kempsey on 29 October.

The inquiry is looking into the drivers of youth crime in the regions, as well as specific actions the NSW Government can take to support best practice prevention initiatives and improve community safety.

Committee Chair, Mr Edmond Atalla MP, said that a high volume of inquiry submissions came from residents in the Mid North Coast region.

"The Mid North Coast was one of most represented regions in terms of written submissions to this inquiry. This community is keenly feeling the effects of escalating crime and the Committee is ensuring their voices are heard as part of this important inquiry," Mr Atalla said.

"During the Committee's visit, we'll be hearing from a range of government and non-government stakeholders, as well as residents who have been victims of crime."

"I welcome the opportunity to meet with community representatives on the Mid North Coast, to learn more about the issues affecting local residents, and to hear their ideas about improving community safety."

The hearing schedule is available on the Committee's [webpage](#). Committee hearings are a formal proceeding of Parliament. Only witnesses listed on the schedule will be permitted to take part in proceedings.

Although the hearing is open to members of the public to view, there will be very limited seating available. Anyone interested in following proceedings is therefore strongly encouraged to watch the live broadcast on the [NSW Parliament's website](#), rather than attending the venue.

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Venue details:

Public hearing, 29 October 2024: Kempsey Shire Council Chambers, 22 Tozer Street, West Kempsey

