

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Select Committee on Essential Worker Housing

## MEDIA RELEASE

## **Essential Worker Housing Committee to visit the South Coast**

The Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Essential Worker Housing will be travelling to the NSW South Coast on 2 and 3 December 2024.

The Committee is investigating options to improve essential workers' access to secure and affordable housing across NSW. The site visit and regional public hearing follow an earlier public hearing held in the Northern Beaches in October.

Committee Chair, Mr Alex Greenwich MP, said that a shortage of affordable housing for essential workers impacts individuals and communities in regional NSW as well as in Sydney.

"Essential workers are often priced out of the areas they serve," said Mr Greenwich. "Many regional communities struggle to attract and retain workers in key industries due to a lack of available affordable housing."

"The South Coast is one of many high-growth areas in NSW. The Committee wants to better understand some of the unique challenges workers are facing in this region, as well as the opportunities to increase the supply of essential worker housing here and across NSW."

During their visit, the Committee will meet with local stakeholders and view new housing developments in the area. The Committee will also hold a regional public hearing in Bomaderry on 3 December.

The schedule for the public hearing is available on the Committee's <u>webpage</u>. The hearing will also be live streamed, and will be available via the NSW Parliament <u>website</u> on 3 December.

"Further public hearings for the inquiry will be held next year," Mr Greenwich said, "Members of the public can keep up to date with the inquiry and read the submissions via the Committee's <u>webpage</u>."

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## Venue details:

Public hearing, Bomaderry Bowling Club, 154 Meroo Rd, Bomaderry NSW 2541