

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Select Committee on Essential Worker Housing

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Essential Worker Housing: Parliamentary Committee continues to hear from communities across Sydney

The Parliamentary Committee tasked with finding options to increase housing supply for essential workers will continue its work with public hearings across Sydney in February 2025.

Following successful hearings in the Northern Beaches and South Coast in 2024, the Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Essential Worker Housing will now focus on Greater Sydney, exploring the complex housing issues critical workforce sectors are facing.

Across three scheduled public hearings in Western Sydney and Parliament House, the Committee will hear first-hand about the challenges essential workers face when trying to find affordable housing close to their place of work. The Committee will also explore policy and planning changes that could help increase the supply of essential worker housing across Greater Sydney and NSW.

"The Committee understands that the issues essential workers face finding suitable and affordable accommodation differ across Greater Sydney and regional NSW, as do the innovative solutions communities are trialling to address housing shortages," said Committee Chair, Alex Greenwich MP.

"The February hearings will be an opportunity to hear from local community groups, charities, academics, local councils and the NSW Government," said Mr Greenwich.

The public hearings will be held in Western Sydney on 6 February, and at Parliament House on 7 and 10 February.

The hearing schedules are available on the Committee's <u>webpage</u>. Members of the public can attend the hearings in person and observe the proceedings. Alternatively, the public hearings on 6, 7 and 10 February can be watched via the livestream on <u>NSW Parliament website</u>.

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Hearing details:

6 February 2025: Blacktown Workers Club, 55 Campbell Street, Blacktown NSW 2148.

7 February 2025: NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

10 February 2025: NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.