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GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO 5

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INQUIRY INTO NORTHSIDE STORAGE TUNNEL – SCOTT'S CREEK VENT

The Hon Richard Jones MLC, Chair of the Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No 5, today announced the commencement of an inquiry into the Northside Storage Tunnel vent at Scott's Creek.

The Committee will be inquiring into:

- the health and odour risks to the community, their scientific quantification and application of the Precautionary Principle;
- the ability for the vent to meet ambient air quality standards and licence requirements during operation under all circumstances;
- the roles and responsibilities of bodies accountable for community health impacts and monitoring and maintaining ambient air quality standards;
- the appropriateness, measurability and reliability of licence conditions associated with venting;
- interim and permanent alternative options to venting at Scott's Creek; and
- the implementation of recommendations from previous parliamentary inquiries and reports on the Northside Storage Tunnel.

The Committee is commencing the inquiry with a call for submissions from the general public and interested organisations. Advertisements calling for submissions will appear in suburban newspapers in coming weeks. The closing date for written submissions is Friday, 4 August 2000. As the Committee is required to report to the House by 8 September 2000 the closing date will not be extended. Submissions should be sent to:

The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No 5
Parliament House
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Information about making a submission can be obtained from the Committee Secretariat on telephone (02) 9230 3544, facsimile (02) 9230 3416 or e-mail: gpscno5@parliament.nsw.gov.au. Information is also available on the Committee's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

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