



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES

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# **INQUIRY INTO CHILDHOOD OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY**

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A new Upper House inquiry into childhood overweight and obesity was launched this week.

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Issues, Mrs Bronnie Taylor MLC said, 'Overweight and obesity in children is a significant problem that leads to terrible health outcomes. Currently, more than one in five children in New South Wales are overweight or obese and the committee intends to raise awareness on this important issue.'

'The inquiry will consider strategies to assist parents and carers in making healthier choices for their children and strategies to support health professionals in identifying and addressing childhood overweight and obesity,' said Mrs Taylor.

Mrs Taylor continued: 'In addition to health professionals and stakeholder organisations, the committee is keen to hear from parents and children during the inquiry, including 13 to 18 year olds, about ways to reduce childhood overweight and obesity, for example assistance and support to make healthier food choices and encouraging participation in sport.'

The closing date for submissions is Sunday 21 August 2016. The committee anticipates holding public hearings and site visits later in the year.

For further information about the inquiry, including its terms of reference, or for information on how to make a submission, please go to our website: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/socialissues](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/socialissues), or call the committee secretariat on (02) 9230 2412.

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