



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

# FINAL HEARING FOR THE INQUIRY INTO THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO FUND INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

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**29 JULY 2024**

The Standing Committee on State Development will hold its final hearing on Tuesday 30 July 2024 for the inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services. This hearing follows evidence heard from regional local councils in Lismore, Tamworth, Dubbo, Albury and the Shoalhaven.

The committee will hear from several stakeholders, including representatives from the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW (IPART), Audit Office of New South Wales and the Office of Local Government, who previously appeared before the committee at the inquiry's first public hearing.

The Chair, the Hon Emily Suvaal MLC, said "Throughout this inquiry, we've heard from a range of local councils and other stakeholders, including both metropolitan and regional organisations. The hearings have been an insightful and valuable opportunity to hear directly from the local government sector regarding the current financial framework and the challenges being experienced by local councils across New South Wales."

The Chair continued: "The committee has also heard evidence on the current levels of service delivery in local government to meet the needs of local communities, including the impact of cost shifting, and whether this has changed over time. The final hearing on Tuesday is an opportunity to explore the evidence heard so far with key stakeholders, such as the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW (IPART) and the Office of Local Government, who play an important role in ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of the sector."

### Hearing details

The hearing will be broadcast live on the NSW Parliament's website from **9.15 am on Tuesday 30 July 2024**: [Webcasts \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/webcasts)

A hearing schedule is available on the committee's website: [Ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/webcasts)

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