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STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

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STATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO VISIT HUNTER REGION FOR POST-MINING LAND USE INQUIRY

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The Standing Committee on State Development will undertake a series of site visits and regional hearings in the Hunter Region as part of its inquiry into beneficial and productive post-mining land use.

From Monday 19 August, the committee will tour former mine sites in Lake Macquarie, Cessnock, Maitland and the Upper Hunter.

Committee Chair, the Hon Emily Suvaal MLC said "The committee is aware there are already creative and innovative post mining land uses being worked on in the Hunter and looks forward to receiving first-hand insights into the potential for repurposing former mine sites for the benefit of local communities."

The Chair highlighted the importance of these visits, stating, "These site visits are a valuable opportunity for the committee to observe innovative projects firsthand. We are keen to explore how these former mine sites can be transformed to create jobs, support regional economies, and promote sustainable development."

Following the site visits the committee will hold two public hearings. The first hearing will take place on Tuesday 20 August 2024 at the Muswellbrook RSL with representatives from Muswellbrook Shire Council, Singleton Council, MACH Energy Australia, as well as local community members.

The second regional hearing will be held on Wednesday 21 August 2024 at the Lake Macquarie City Council Chambers. Participants will include local councils, the Lake Macquarie Economic Development Company, the Hunter Innovation and Science Hub, and Business Hunter.

"These regional hearings are essential to our inquiry," the Chair noted. "They allow us to hear directly from those who are most impacted by post-mining land use decisions and will be critical in shaping our recommendations to the Government."

Hearing details

- Muswellbrook Regional Hearing: Tuesday 20 August 2024 from 12.30 pm
- Lake Macquarie Regional Hearing: Wednesday 21 August 2024 from 9.00 am.

The hearing schedules are available on the committee's [website](#). Both hearings will be broadcast live on the NSW Parliament's website: [Webcasts \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/webcasts)

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