PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 8 – CUSTOMER SERVICE

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INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC TOILETS HAS COMMENCED

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An Upper House inquiry has been established to inquire into public toilets in New South Wales.

Dr Amanda Cohn MLC, Chair of the inquiry said: 'Safe and accessible public toilets are critically important for ensuring everyone can participate in community life.'

The committee will examine the provision, design, accessibility and inclusivity of public toilets across New South Wales, including toilets provided in public places and toilets provided for the use of members of the public in private premises accessed by the public.

The inquiry will look into the regulation of, and for funding for, public toilets in New South Wales and whether new standards, guidelines, funding models, legislation or other forms of regulation are warranted. The committee will also consider state, national and international best practice for the provision and maintenance of public toilets.

The Chair concluded: 'This inquiry is an opportunity to hear from members of the community about their experiences and explore how the provision of public toilets in New South Wales can be improved.'

Have your say

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders and members of the community.

The closing date for submissions is **Friday 1 November 2024**. For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the committee <u>website</u>.

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