



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON FOUNDATIONAL AND DISABILITY SUPPORTS AVAILABLE FOR  
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR THE INQUIRY INTO FOUNDATIONAL AND DISABILITY SUPPORTS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**27 November 2024**

Submissions have opened for a new Select Committee inquiry into foundational and disability supports available for children and young people in New South Wales.

The select committee was established to inquire into services for child development, early childhood intervention services and other foundational and disability supports available for children and young people with developmental concerns, delays, differences or disabilities.

The Chair, the Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones said: 'The Disability Royal Commission and the NDIS review were completed over the last year, and state and territory responses to these reports agreed that increased supports are needed for people with disability. In particular, the report of the NDIS review proposed foundational supports be enhanced and be available to all NDIS participants and people with disability who are not eligible for the NDIS.'

The Chair went on to say: 'This inquiry is broad and addresses more than foundational supports. It will examine the role and impact of services and supports on the development, health and wellbeing of children and their access to services and supports.'

In particular, the Chair emphasised: 'There are gaps and barriers to accessing services and supports, and this includes workforce issues, particularly in rural and regional areas. The inquiry will look at not only NDIS services but also health services, including community nursing, allied health services and early childhood intervention.'

Submissions may be lodged via the select committee's website until 31 March 2025:  
[https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/listofcommittees/Pages/committee-  
details.aspx?pk=331](https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/listofcommittees/Pages/committee-details.aspx?pk=331)

Individuals can also provide their input through an online questionnaire, which has been designed to gather information from families and carers about access and barriers to getting support for children and young people with developmental concerns, delays, differences or disabilities:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/9wgTdAW3uE>

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