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INQUIRY INTO THE LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION GRANTS PROGRAM

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The Public Accountability and Works Committee of the NSW Parliament has established an inquiry into the integrity, efficacy, and value for money of the Local Small Commitments Allocation grants program (the LSCA).

The inquiry will examine the range and availability of funding under the LSCA, including the manner in which grants were and are determined.

The Chair of the committee, Ms Abigail Boyd MLC said: 'This inquiry is about making sure that grant schemes, as with all expenditure of public money, are designed and delivered to maximise public benefit without being swayed by electoral imperatives. As this particular program originated out of election commitments made by those now in Government, it is appropriate for the Committee to interrogate its full life cycle.'

The Chair concluded: 'Public confidence in the allocation of public money is paramount, and the integrity and fairness of the administration of grants is a perennial issue. The Committee is keen to consider how this scheme sits within the grants regulation landscape and to determine whether current rules and understandings are in need of clarification or reform.'

Have your say

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders and members of the community. The closing date for submissions is **Friday 24 January 2025**.

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, can be found on the [inquiry webpage](#).

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, Ms Abigail Boyd MLC, on (02) 9230 3676.