GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 3

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## INQUIRY INTO REMOVING OR REDUCING STATION ACCESS FEES AT SYDNEY AIRPORTS

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A new Parliamentary Inquiry has been established that will review the potential impacts of removing or reducing the station access fee at the Sydney Domestic and International Airports.

The inquiry was referred to General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 by the Legislative Council on 18 September 2013.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones said, "The Committee will consider the current patronage on the airport line as well as the impact of a fare reduction on Green Square, Mascot and the airport stations. It will also examine the funding implications of removing or reducing the station access fee, the contract provisions regarding the fee and potential benefits to Port Botany and congestion on roads around the airport."

Submissions are now being called from interested organisations and individuals. The closing date for submissions is Wednesday, 13 November 2013. Submissions can be lodged via the parliamentary website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3.

The Committee is scheduled to report to the House by Friday 28 February 2014.

For further information about the Inquiry, including its terms of reference, and for more on how to make a submission, please visit the Committee's website at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc3, or call the Committee Secretariat on (02) 9230 3509.

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