



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 7 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

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VIRTUAL HEARING ON PROPOSED REFORMS TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS SYSTEM

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Portfolio Committee No. 7 – Planning and Environment will be holding a virtual public hearing tomorrow for the inquiry into the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment \(Infrastructure Contributions\) Bill 2021](#). The Bill forms part of the NSW Government's reforms to the infrastructure contributions system.

Chair of the committee, Cate Faehrmann MLC, said "The committee will be questioning the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on the proposed reforms included in this Bill. It will also speak with a number of experts and key organisations impacted by the Bill, including a panel of local government representatives, community organisations, legal experts, developer groups and housing and property organisations".

Ms Faehrmann continued "The Minister has said this Bill is in response to the Productivity Commission's Review into Infrastructure Contributions in New South Wales, and so that the additional infrastructure needed to support growth is delivered."

"There has been a huge amount of interest in this Bill, with submissions from local councils expressing concern at the haste with which it has been introduced and the lack of consultation on the Bill to date. This short inquiry will ensure affected stakeholders are able to have their voices heard," said Ms Faehrmann.

The virtual public hearing will be held on **Friday 16 July 2021**, commencing at **9.15 am**. The hearing will be live streamed on the NSW Parliament's website from the link below:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>.

For further information about the inquiry, including the committee membership, terms of reference, submission, and the hearing schedule (once finalised), please visit the committee's website [here](#).

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