



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE NSW RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

Notice of public hearing

Review of the operations of the NSW Reconstruction Authority regarding the NSW East Coast severe weather from May 2025

3 November 2025, Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney

The hearing will be broadcast live on the Parliament's [website](#).

Time	Witness	Position and Organisation	Submission
09:30 AM	Mr Jacob Walsh	NSW State Director, Australian Red Cross	27
	Mr Brendan Pearce	Senior Adviser – Engagement, Australian Red Cross	27
	Ms Joy Kyriacou	Director of Programs, Members and Volunteers, St Vincent de Paul Society NSW	16
	Ms Clare Van Doorn	Regional Director, Operations North East, St Vincent de Paul Society NSW	16
10:30 AM	Ms Cara Varian	CEO, NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS)	37
	Ms Eleanor Harris	Senior Project Officer, NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS)	37
	Mr Omar Bensaidi	Senior Policy Officer, Homelessness NSW	34
11:15 AM	Break		
11:30 AM	Ms Sally Bryant	Manager, Legal Aid NSW	49
	Ms Elizabeth Lehmann	Senior Outreach Solicitor, Disaster Response Legal Service , Legal Aid NSW	49
12:00 PM	Ms Sharon Gudu	CEO, Carers NSW Australia	40
	Ms Bastien Wallace	Senior Policy Officer, People with Disability Australia (PWDA)	12
12:30 PM	Lunch		



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01:15 PM	Mrs Jill Samuels	RSS Team Manager, Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre	7
	Mr Sam Henderson	CEO, Northern Rivers Community Foundation, and Steering Committee Member, Northern Rivers Community Resilience Alliance (NRCRA)	46
	Ms Elly Bird	Executive Director, Resilient Lismore, and Steering Committee Member, Northern Rivers Community Resilience Alliance (NRCRA)	46
02:00 PM	Mr Graeme McCrabb	RFS Member, Menindee Headquarters Brigade, NSW RFS	
02:30 PM	Break		
03:15 PM	Ms Kylie Macfarlane	Deputy CEO and Chief Operating Officer, Insurance Council of Australia	48
03:45 PM	The Hon. David Elliott	CEO, Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) NSW & ACT	43
	Mr Tim Mackney	Board Director, Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) NSW & ACT	43
04:15 PM	Finish		