



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON RURAL HOUSING AND SECOND DWELLINGS REFORM

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UPCOMING HEARING IN TWEED HEADS FOR UPPER HOUSE INQUIRY INTO RURAL HOUSING AND SECOND DWELLINGS REFORM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

5 December 2025

The Select Committee on Rural Housing and Second Dwellings Reform will be holding its second public hearing in Tweed Heads on Monday 8 December 2025.

The committee will hear from a range of stakeholders including members of the community, farmers, local organisations and the local council regarding current rural housing regulations and the construction of second dwellings. Stakeholders will be able to outline how these regulations affect them directly and share their views on the changes proposed in the draft model planning instrument.

Committee Chair, the Hon John Ruddick MLC stated: 'The committee received a substantial number of submissions from the Tweed Shire region. It is clear that many in the area are facing significant challenges in obtaining affordable housing, supporting multigenerational living, farm succession planning and ensuring economic sustainability'.

The Chair continued: 'Many of these stakeholders have lived and worked on the land their whole lives and for some, for many generations. It's imperative that we hear their perspectives and obtain a greater understanding about how our rural communities are impacted and what can be done to better support their needs'.

Hearing details

The hearing will be held at the Twin Towns Conference and Function Centre on Monday 8 December 2025 and will commence at 11.30 am. To view the hearing schedule, please visit the inquiry [webpage](#).

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearings in-person or watch via the broadcast live on the NSW Parliament [website](#).

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, The Hon John Ruddick MLC, on (02) 9230 2656