



Local Government Act 1993

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INQUIRY

Wingecarribee Shire Council

The Minister for Local Government has appointed Mr Ross Glover as Commissioner to hold a Public Inquiry under section 438U of the Local Government Act 1993 into Wingecarribee Shire Council.

The terms of reference for the Inquiry are to inquire and report to the Minister with respect to the following matters:

- Whether members of Council's governing body fully understand their roles and responsibilities and have adequately, reasonably, and appropriately carried out their roles and responsibilities during the current term of Council.
- Whether, during the current term of Council, there has been improper interference by the elected body of Council, or by individual councillors, in operational matters, with particular reference to staffing and planning functions.
- Whether members of Council's governing body have been and will continue to be in a position to direct and control the affairs of Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and to otherwise fulfil its statutory obligations.
- Any other matter that warrants inquiry, particularly those that may impact on the effective administration of Council's functions and responsibilities or the community's confidence in the Council being able to do so.

Any person wishing to make a written submission within the terms of reference should forward it by post by 29 October 2021 to the Office of the Commissioner, Wingecarribee Shire Public Inquiry, Locked Bag 3004, NOWRA NSW 2541. Alternatively, submissions may be emailed to:

wingecarribee.publicinquiry@olg.nsw.gov.au by 29 October 2021.

Any person seeking to appear to make an oral submission at the Public Hearings should give advance written notice of that request in their written submission with an outline of the matters they wish to address. Such requests will be considered, but it should be noted there is no automatic right of appearance given to persons wishing to appear.

Details of the venue and times of Public Hearings will be announced shortly.

Further information is available on the Public Inquiry website at:

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public-inquiries/wingecarribee-shire-council-public-inquiry/>