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NEW RURAL SPEED LIMITS UNDER SCRUTINY

The Tasmanian Government's decision to introduce speed limit reduction on sealed rural roads is to come under scrutiny by a Legislative Council Select Committee.

Independent Member for Western Tiers, Greg Hall MLC, who will chair the Committee, said today the Select Committee would examine the impacts/benefits upon the local communities as a consequence of the Government's decision.

Mr Hall said the inquiry was an opportunity for community stakeholders and those in industry effected by the lower speed limit in rural areas to have their say.

"The Committee will examine the possible effects on the local rural economies that rely on these roads for access to import and export their produce as well as to conduct business and lifestyle pursuits," he said.

The Committee will advertise in Tasmanian newspapers this Saturday calling for public submissions to the inquiry.

Mr Hall said that, due to the proximity to the Christmas break, the Committee has extended the usual timeframe for submissions to the 18 January 2013.

Media Note: Inquiry Terms of Reference are attached.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Greg Hall MLC on 0418 132 997