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Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP to Address Parliamentary Inquiry Into Human Trafficking

The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney will today appear at the public hearing of the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into human trafficking in Sydney.

The hearing is open to the public and will be webcast on the Parliament's website.

Archbishop Fisher said, *"The Bishops of Australia along with religious leaders have recently called for a fourfold commitment to abate human trafficking: prevention, victim protection, the legal prosecution of perpetrators, and partnerships for change. Pope Francis has appealed to government leaders consistently throughout his pontificate to be strong in the fight against the scourge of human trafficking."*

The committee Chair, Hon Paul Green MLC stated, "Human trafficking is a horrendous crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes, including slavery, forced labour and sex. The inquiry was established to investigate the prevalence of human trafficking in NSW as well as the role and effectiveness of NSW law enforcement agencies, legislation and policies in responding to this issue. The committee will also consider practical measures and policies to address human trafficking, including security measures to protect identity documentation."

The Upper House committee inquiring into human trafficking in NSW will hold the hearing in the Macquarie Room at NSW Parliament on Tuesday 28 March 2017 from 12.00 noon until 2.00 pm. Archbishop Fisher will be appearing at 1pm. The NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione will also be appearing.

The committee will hold further public hearings in May and will report by September 2017. Further information about the inquiry, including Monday's hearing schedule, terms of reference and submissions are available on the committee's website:

www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/humantrafficking.

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