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Have a say on what's important in enhancing the role of older people in NSW

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Member for Tamworth Peter Draper is urging members of the community to have a say on what its like to be growing old in NSW by making a submission to the NSW Office of Ageing.

The Office is asking people to make submissions about the things they feel are important in meeting the needs of older people in the community in the lead up to a forum on the topic in September.

The NSW Forum on Ageing will be held on September 28 at Parliament House to discuss how to enhance the role of older people in the community and to inform Government on issues relating to the ageing of the population.

“This is a good opportunity for older people and those who work in aged care to influence the future direction of policies on ageing and to provide information which can be used in Government programs,” Mr Draper said.

Mr Draper said the submissions would be used as a basis for discussion between key stakeholders and community members at the forum where 160 delegates from Government and non-government organisations, business, industry, academia and the community are expected to gather.

The discussions will aim to find practical solutions to the issues raised and reach agreement on the most important strategies for the immediate future.

Public submissions on Ageing close on August 13. They should be typed and be up to 1500 words in length. They can be lodged electronically at ageingforum@dadhc.nsw.gov.au or by post to: Public Submissions
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