



THE SENATE

**ECONOMICS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Regional Inequality in Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Wednesday 29 August 2018**

**McIndoe Function Centre  
Opal St, Emerald**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.30 am	<b>Queensland Tourism Industry Council</b> ( <i>Submission 55</i> ) Dr Natasha Montesalvo, Policy and Research Manager  <b>Ms Bronwyn Reid (via teleconference)</b>  <b>Showdown Rugs</b> Ms Kelly-Anne Paragreen, Business Owner
10.20 am	<b>Queensland Farmers Federation</b> Mr Ross Burnett, Board Director  <b>Central Highlands Cotton Growers and Irrigators Association</b> Mr Aaron Kiely, President Ms Emma McCullagh, Vice President
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b><i>Morning break</i></b>
11.15 am	<b>Queensland Council of Unions</b> ( <i>Submission 24</i> ) Ms Ros McLennan, General Secretary  <b>Australian Workers Union</b> Mr Zac Beers, Organiser
12.00 pm	<b>Central Queensland University</b> ( <i>Submission 75</i> ) Mr Blake Repine, Associate Vice Chancellor (Central Highlands Region) Mr Andrew Dickson, Government Relations Advisor  <b>Regional Universities Network (via teleconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 32</i> ) Professor Greg Hill, Chair  <b>Mrs Sarah Challacombe</b>
<b>12.50 pm</b>	<b><i>Lunch break</i></b>

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1.30 pm	<p><b>Rural Doctors Association of Australia</b> (<i>Submission 112</i>) Associate Professor Ewen McPhee, Past President</p> <p><b>Central Highlands Healthcare</b> (<i>Submission 126</i>) Mr Michael Bishop, Chief Executive Officer Cr Paul Bell, Board Chair</p> <p><b>Mrs Gai Sypher</b> (<i>Submission 19</i>)</p>
2.30 pm	<p><b>Local Government Association of Queensland</b> (<i>Submission 115</i>) Mr Roland McMillan, Principal Advisor, Economics &amp; Finance</p> <p><b>North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils</b> (via teleconference) (<i>Submission 91</i>) Mr Greg Hoffman PSM, Executive Officer</p> <p><b>Western Queensland Local Government Association</b> Mayor, Cr Kerry Hayes, President</p> <p><b>Central Highlands Regional Council</b> (<i>Submission 113</i>) Ms Megan Daniels, Councillor</p> <p><b>Flinders Shire Council</b> (via teleconference) (<i>Submission 14</i>) Ms Jane McNamara, Mayor</p>
3.30 pm	<p><b>Regional Capitals Australia</b> (<i>Submission 60</i>) Ms Rachael Sweeney, Project Manager Mr Neil Fisher, Councillor, Rockhampton Regional Council</p> <p><b>Foundation for Rural &amp; Regional Renewal</b> (<i>Submission 51</i>) Ms Natalie Egleton, Chief Executive Officer</p>
<b>4.20 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>