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Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation

Inquiry into Regional Development and Decentralisation

Issue date: 15 February 2018

Select Committee on Regional Development reconvenes in Canberra

The House Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation will hold a public hearing at Parliament House in Canberra on Friday.

The new Chair of the Committee is the Hon Darren Chester MP.

“I’m looking forward to continuing the work of the Committee as we reconvene to hear from a range of peak bodies on how to affect sustained regional development and decentralisation”, Mr Chester said.

“The Committee is particularly keen to hear more about the role of the university sector as a driver of growth and development in rural and regional Australia, as well as the experiences of the Murray Darling Basin Authority in decentralising its workforce across different towns and cities.”

Other agencies appearing before the Committee include the CSIRO, the Regional Australia Institute, the Federation of Ethnic Communities’ Council of Council and the National Farmers Federation.

The Committee was recently granted an extension to its reporting date to 31 May 2018. Mr Chester said he welcomed the extra time afforded to the Committee to analyse the significant amount of evidence received to the inquiry to date.

The hearing will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live and a transcript will be available on the Committee’s website.

Public hearing details

Canberra – Parliament House

Time: [8.30am – 12.20pm \(click to listen live\)](#)

Date: **Friday, 16 February 2018**

Location: **Committee Room, 2R2**

For the full programs of this public hearing, see the Committee’s [website](#).

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