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Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation

Inquiry into Regional Development and Decentralisation

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Select Committee on Regional Development goes West

Geraldton will host the first of two public hearings next week, as the Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation heads to Western Australia.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder will host the second public hearing.

The Chair of the Committee, Dr John McVeigh MP said, “these public hearings will provide the Committee with a valuable opportunity to engage with regional Western Australia.”

“The West is of particular interest to the Committee. Members are keen to learn more about what initiatives are being taken regionally, particularly now that the mining boom has plateaued. How regions are adjusting to this change, and observing what initiatives are being taken to ensure that local towns and their surrounding regions remain prosperous and its people engaged will be of particular interest.” said Dr McVeigh.

The Committee will hear from a range of witnesses including community and business leaders, regional development specialists, the arts, and health care providers.

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

Geraldton

Time: [9.00am – 3.30pm \(click to listen live\)](#)
Date: **Monday 30 October 2017**
Location: **Ocean Centre Hotel, The Abrolhos Room**
Cathedral Ave & Foreshore Drive, Geraldton, WA

Kalgoorlie

Time: [10.30am – 4.30pm \(click to listen live\)](#)
Date: **Tuesday 31 October 2017**
Location: **Quest Yelverton Kalgoorlie**
210 Egan Street, Kalgoorlie, WA



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For the full programs of these public hearings, see the Committee's [website](#).

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