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Inquiry: The operation, effectiveness, and consequences of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Location of Corporate Commonwealth Entities) Order 2016.

- 1) I wish to make a submission in favour of decentralising Govt Departments to Dubbo NSW**
- 2) Eumungerie village population is approx. 420, affordable vacant land for housing is around \$50,000, tradesmen to build are readily available as the village is half way between Dubbo and Gilgandra i.e. about 30klm either way, an easy commute to work in Dubbo**
- 3) The local primary school can cater for children to year six and is well regarded**
- 4) Water reticulation by Dubbo Council has just been completed, this will make living in Eumungerie very much more acceptable**
- 5) Dubbo's population is around 41,000 with a catchment of 120,000 Dubbo has all the facilities needed to support any Govt Department, direct flights to Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra and to other towns further west**
- 6) To complement living the Dubbo Taronga Western Plains Zoo is a world class tourist facility the Wellington Caves, Old Dubbo Goal, extensive wine areas at Mudgee and the Gulgong historic town all contribute to residents life style**
- 7) Dubbo also has extensive sporting facilities including many sporting fields, fishing on the Macquarie river and Burrandong dam near Wellington**

In conclusion Dubbo can readily support a large increase of population, the decentralization of Government departments would be a massive boost to the Central West community of NSW

Employees would appreciate the affordability of housing and the safe and comfortable lifestyle for their children

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