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Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation

Inquiry into Regional Development and Decentralisation

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Committee launches inquiry into regional development and decentralisation

The Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation is calling for submissions to its inquiry. The Committee will examine best practice approaches to regional development, the decentralisation of Commonwealth entities, and supporting corporate decentralisation.

Committee Chair, Dr John McVeigh MP said, “the Committee’s inquiry is wide ranging and will explore ways to increase the growth and prosperity of regional and rural Australia. While decentralisation of Commonwealth entities has been identified as a potential means to achieve this, the Committee wants to examine, more broadly, how public and private investment can assist in building and sustaining our regional communities.”

“So much of our economic success rests in the resources and work of our regional towns and cities. It is important that we examine ways to better support these communities and to strengthen their social and economic future.”

The Committee plans to hold public hearings across regional Australia to learn more about best practice approaches to regional development, and decentralisation opportunities.

Submissions to the inquiry will close on Friday 15 September 2017. To make a submission, visit the Committee’s website and follow the prompts. The Terms of Reference can also be found on the Committee’s website, or by contacting the Committee Secretariat.

An issues paper is expected to be tabled in Parliament on 31 August 2017.

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