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House Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation Inquiry into Regional Development and Decentralisation

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Select Committee on Regional Development to visit the Top End

The House Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation will hold a public hearing in Darwin, Northern Territory.

The Chair of the Committee, Dr John McVeigh MP, said “the Committee is keen to learn more about the issues of importance to the Northern Territory. We’re particularly looking forward to hearing about infrastructure and the development of northern Australia.”

“The Northern Territory is home to many businesses and its largest industries are construction, mining, public administration and safety, health care and social assistance as well as transport. Darwin also has a significant Australian Defence Force presence, which also employs a large number of residents and the Committee will be very interested to hear how the regions are faring and what can be done to strengthen them”, said Dr McVeigh.

Dr McVeigh indicated that witnesses will include business and community leaders, indigenous representatives, representatives from the arts, local government representatives, and regional development experts.

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

Darwin

Time: [9.00am – 4.15pm \(click to listen live\)](#)
Date: **Thursday, 9 November 2017**
Location: **Litchfield Room, Double Tree by Hilton,
116 Esplanade Darwin City**

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

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