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Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation

Inquiry into Regional Development and Decentralisation

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Select Committee to hold public hearings in Victoria and Tasmania

Bendigo will host the first of a series of public hearings this week, as the Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation heads to Victoria and Tasmania.

Launceston and Burnie in Tasmania, and Wodonga, on the border of New South Wales and Victoria, will also host public hearings.

The Chair of the Committee, Dr John McVeigh MP said, “these public hearings will provide the Committee with some good opportunities to engage with local communities in regional Australia. The Committee is keen to hear from the diverse range of witnesses to better inform ourselves of the issues impacting regional communities, and what can be done to address them.

“Each regional and rural community in Australia is unique, with localised issues. The Committee has heard that what works well for these communities is local, tailored strategies. We are hoping to hear more about the local strategies being adopted by the communities of Bendigo, Launceston, Burnie, Albury and Wodonga,” said Dr McVeigh.

Dr McVeigh indicated that witnesses across the four public hearings will include business and communities leaders, universities and TAFEs, community advocacy groups, healthcare providers, and regional development specialists.

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

Bendigo

Time: [9.00am – 3.20pm \(click to listen live\)](#)

Date: Monday 9 October 2017

Location: Bendigo Town Hall (Reception Room),
189-193 Hargreaves St, Bendigo Vic

Launceston

Time: [9.00am – 2.20pm \(click to listen live\)](#)

Date: Tuesday 10 October 2017

Location: Hotel Grand Chancellor (Chancellor 6),
29 Cameron St, Launceston Tasmania



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Burnie

Time: [8.30am – 12.15pm \(click to listen live\)](#)

Date: **Wednesday 11 October 2017**

Location: **University of Tasmania, Domestic Arts Building (103 Lecture Room),
8 Bass Hwy, Parklands Tasmania**

Wodonga

Time: [8.30am – 4.00pm \(click to listen live\)](#)

Date: **Thursday 12 October 2017**

Location: **158 Lawrence Street, Wodonga TAFESpace, Strategic Planning Room,
Wodonga, Victoria**

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

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