



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development

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## Committee forges ahead with technology inquiry

The Legislative Assembly's Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development (IIRD) is forging ahead with its inquiry into technology and the agriculture and mining sectors, with a new Chair at the helm.

Monaro MP and IIRD Committee Chair, Nichole Overall, said the inquiry offers exciting opportunities to explore how technology and innovation can grow capacity in these critical sectors and bring economic opportunity to the regions.

"We want to see regional communities across New South Wales at the forefront of technology uptake – not lagging behind," Mrs Overall said.

"The nature of work in the regions is clearly changing due to technological advancements, and communities need to be equipped to meet long-term challenges.

"The Committee recently met and agreed on its next steps for this important inquiry.

"In the coming weeks and months, we will be engaging with stakeholder organisations to hear their insights. We also intend to conduct a regional visit to learn first-hand about some of the key challenges and opportunities that exist when it comes to adopting new technologies."

Mrs Overall said a day of public hearings was scheduled to take place in the next few months, with details to be made available on the Committee's webpage.

"I thank everyone who has taken the time to prepare a submission," Mrs Overall said.

"We look forward to sharing updates on the Parliament's social media channels as the inquiry progresses."

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