



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development

### MEDIA RELEASE

#### Public Hearing – Funding regional jobs and investment

The Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development is holding a public hearing in Wagga Wagga on Tuesday, 20 February 2024 as part of its inquiry into the Regional Investment Activation Fund and the Regional Job Creation Fund (the funds).

Committee Chair, Mr Roy Butler MP, said the public hearing will give the Committee an opportunity to directly hear from businesses in regional NSW about the effectiveness of the funds and their impact on regional economic growth.

“We want to hear about their experience with the grant process and issues in operating regional businesses. The Committee also welcomes suggestions as to how the NSW Government can support a more productive, diverse and resilient regional economy.”

A range of stakeholders including academics, businesses, peak organisations and government departments will appear at the public hearing.

“This evidence, along with submissions already received, will help the Committee develop recommendations that will focus on supporting businesses in regional NSW and the barriers to regional economic growth more generally.”

The hearing will be held at The International Hotel, Wagga Wagga from 9.00am to 12:15pm. The public is welcome to attend in person, and the hearing will also be broadcast on the Parliament’s [website](#).

Further information about the inquiry is available on the Committee’s [webpage](#).

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