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Public hearing to hear evidence on skill shortages

The Committee on Economic Development will hold its fourth public hearing as part of its Inquiry into Skill Shortages in NSW, Committee Chair, Mr David Elliott MP announced today.

“The Committee has previously met in Dubbo and Coffs Harbour, as well as Sydney,” Mr Elliott said. “We have heard evidence from businesses and unions, elected councillors and council officers, manufacturers, miners, hoteliers, community workers, trainers, and even a high school student. This is a wonderful cross section of the New South Wales community and a testament to the interest which people have in the work of their Parliament.”

The hearing is scheduled for **Wednesday 9 October 2013** and witnesses include representatives from Hunter councils, the NSW Business Chamber, the engineering and training sectors, hospitality, mining, and the public sector.

“This hearing will be an important opportunity to test what we heard at our regional hearings, and to dig more deeply into how skill shortages are measured and how plans and programs to address them are formulated and implemented,” Mr Elliott said.

The public hearing will be held in the Waratah Room at Parliament House, commencing at 9:45am and interested members of the public are welcome to attend.

Further information about the Inquiry can be obtained by visiting the Committee’s website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/economicdevelopment, or by contacting the Chair, Mr David Elliott MP on 0414 778 858

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