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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Public hearing in Dubbo to hear evidence on skill shortages

The Legislative Assembly Committee on Economic Development will hold a public hearing in Dubbo on Monday 29 July 2013 to hear evidence on skill shortages in NSW, Committee Chair Mr David Elliott MP, announced today.

The Committee is inquiring into the value and contribution of skilled migration with particular reference to regional communities, the public sector and professional shortfalls.

"A lack of skilled workers in some areas is constraining economic growth in NSW," Mr Elliott said. "Skilled migration is one way to address these shortages, and the Committee looks forward to hearing from witnesses in Dubbo about their experiences of addressing skill shortages in regional industries and communities."

The public hearing will be held in the Committee Room at Dubbo City Council Offices, commencing at 10:45am 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 <a href="https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/economicdevelopment">www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/economicdevelopment</a>, or by contacting the Chair, Mr David Elliott MP on 0414 778 858.

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