



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

### DRIVING ABORIGINAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Reminder to make a submission to the discussion paper

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**28 JULY 2016**

The Hon Greg Pearce MLC, Chair of the Standing Committee on State Development, is reminding interested stakeholders to make a submission to the discussion paper for the inquiry into economic development in Aboriginal communities by **Friday 5 August 2016**.

The discussion paper identified key requirements to enhance the prosperity and sustainability of Aboriginal communities across New South Wales including the need:

- for a strong coordinating agency to drive economic reform
- to develop and harness capacity building opportunities at an individual level, as well as within Aboriginal organisations and the private sector
- to ensure that opportunities envisaged by returning land to Aboriginal communities under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* are able to be realised.

‘The committee encourages all submissions to respond to some, or all, of the questions posed in the discussion paper, available on the committee [website](#), about what specific actions can be taken and by whom to address these issues’ said Mr Pearce.

Submissions should be lodged via the committee [website](#) or sent to the director of the committee by mail or email. Please indicate if you wish for all or part of your submission to remain confidential.

For more information visit the committee’s website at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment).

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