

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

## NSW STATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE VISITING BALLINA ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2016

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 15 September 2016

The NSW Upper House State Development Committee is coming to Ballina on Monday 19 September 2016 to conduct a public hearing for its inquiry into regional planning processes in NSW.

The hearing will take place at the Ramada Hotel, 2 Martin Street, Ballina from 10.00 am until 2.30 pm.

'The committee invites you to come and listen to the hearing where local councils, Regional Development Australia and other stakeholders are coming to give evidence' said the Hon Greg Pearce, Chair of the State Development Committee.

Mr Pearce continued "The purpose of the inquiry into regional planning processes in NSW is to seek ideas that will stimulate regional development and reduce the time and complexity of the planning approval process. The committee is also interested in maintaining community expectations regarding the environment and the economic aspirations of local businesses', Mr Pearce concluded.

The hearing schedule for 19 September is available on the committee's website at <u>www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment</u>. The committee intends to report by the end of 2016.

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For further comment please contact the Hon Greg Pearce MLC, Committee Chair, on 9230 2328