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INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND A GLOBAL SYDNEY

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A new Upper House inquiry into regional development and a global Sydney was launched this week by the State Development Committee.

'To ensure the ongoing economic and social vitality of the state it is critical to consider how Sydney's growing prominence as a global city can enhance regional development in New South Wales,' said Greg Pearce, Chair of the State Development Committee.

'The committee will look at ways the regions can benefit from the expansion of international trade, infrastructure, employment, tourism, innovation and research in the greater Sydney region. We will also identify sectors of the economy that can provide the greatest opportunities for regional development and consider how collaboration between government, non-government and private sectors can assist the regions to benefit from Sydney's global position' continued Mr Pearce.

'The committee will consult extensively throughout the inquiry, including in regional areas. We encourage submissions from interested individuals, groups and organisations,' Mr Pearce concluded.

The closing date for submissions is 4 June 2017. Submissions should be lodged online at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment. The committee anticipates holding public hearings in Sydney and regional New South Wales later this year.

For more information, including terms of reference and guidelines for making a submission, please visit the committee's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment.

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